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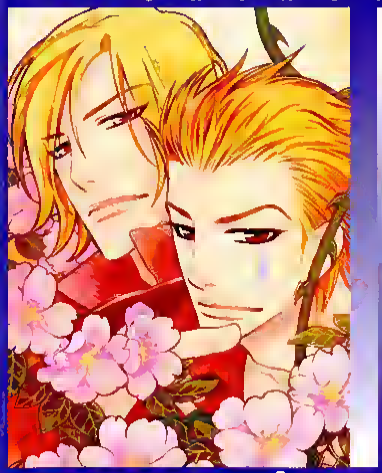

Yuu, from the famous duo boy band CROSS, is trying hard to seduce his partner, Jun. But Jin never takes anything Yuu says at face value.

To make matters worse, an admirer of Jun's comes into the picture, as a love rival

Jin takes this opportunity to reveal to Yuu that he prefers to be on top in his relationships -- not the bottom.

It seems that their relationship is going to be a bumpy ride.

CROSS is in danger of splitting up at any moment!

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chapter1
SWEET POISON ON OUR LIPS

JIN, IF YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, THEN YOU WON'T LEAVE CROSS
I'M GOING TO SEDUCE YOU, JIN
...Yuu suddenly told me this.
On the last day of our tour, before the curtains came down...

"If Yuu ever marries, and becomes someone else's...
—CROSS will husband..."
—was what I had said only moments before.
And I meant it.
CROSS!
CROSS!
CROSS...

...the boy band formed by Waku Yuu and Tatewaki Jin.
Apart from the music industry, they're also involved in television, dance, theater, modeling...
...and many other fields. They're this year's hottest idols!
BOTH OF YOU, LOOK THIS WAY!
KA-CLICK
KA-CLICK

AND AFTER THAT, YUU CRASHES AT MY PLACE
JIN'S BATHTUB IS SUPER HUGE. IT'S VERY COMFORTABLE
OH, SO YOU TWO HAVE A CLOSE RELATION-SHIP
BY THE WAY, THERE'S A RUMOR THAT BOTH OF YOU WILL BE FEATURED IN A TV SERIES?
OUR DAYS OFF? WELL..
SCRIBBLE
WE DON'T GO OUT ON OUR DAYS OFF..
...BUT WE OFTEN EAT TOGETHER AFTER WORK
THAT'S RIGHT! BUT IT'S ONLY A SHORT MIDNIGHT SERIES.
I HAVEN'T WORKED WITH JIN SINCE OUR FIRST ACTING GIG, SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
THIS NEW HAIRSTYLE IS ALSO FOR THE TV SERIES
He dyed it black.
IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.

STAFF ONLY
NEXT, YOU HAVE TWO MORE PHOTO SHOOTS AND A MAGAZINE INTER-VIEW.
Manager
OH! WHAT'S IN THAT BOX?
SURE! LET ME SEE!
SOMEONE BROUGHT CAKES DO YOU WANT SOME?
Oh, there's a bunch!
LOOKS TASTY HOW MANY CAN I HAVE?
HOW MANY?
YUU! QUIT BEING SO RUDE.
Ha-ha-!
YUU-KUN IS VERY FRIENDLY WITH EVERYBODY.
Ha ha!
IS THAT A GOOD THING OR A BAD THING?
OH, I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN TO THIS BAKERY BEFORE
Delicious!

PLEASE, KEEP TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF ME!
FINE, WHATEVER..
You're just too lazy to do anything for yourself
UH, I'LL BE GOING THEN!
Oops sorry
I AM NOT CO-...!
...BUT ACTUALLY, YOU DO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND YOU.
JIN, YOU APPEAR SO COLD, LIKE YOU COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT ANYTHING...
HEY! HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO GAB? YOU'RE INTERRUPTING HER WORK
WAIT
HUH?
HM?
There's some whipped cream on your face.
RUB

THAT'S A WRAP!
GOOD WORK, EVERYONE!
WE'RE HEADING BACK TO THE FILM STUDIO...
...BUT WE'LL BE COUNTING ON YOUR HELP LATER!
OK, THANKS!
YUU, JIN ?
CAN YOU GUYS TAKE A CAB BACK? MY CAR'S BATTERY IS DEAD
SURE
I'LL COME GET YOU BOTH TOMORROW MORNING
SQUEAL..!
YUU-KUN--!
YUU!
JIN--!
JERK
OOH!
They're coming out!

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CHATTER
DID YOU SEE YUU'S REACTION WHEN JIN CALLED HIM?
IT WAS LIKE HE TURNED INTO A PUPPY!
YEAH, EXACTLY LIKE A PUPPY!
I saw his tail!
BYE-BYE! THANKS SO MUCH!
Rustle
HERE...
THESE ARE YOURS.
I love You!
Swap
WHY'D YOU BRING MINE?
BECAUSE YOU WON'T GET THEM YOURSELF
THOSE FANS WAITED A LONG TIME JUST TO SEE US WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING NICE TO THEM?
I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOU.
HEY, MISTER, WHERE DO YOU WANNA GO?

OUR FIRST STOP IS ON AOYAMA ROAD. ONE OF US WILL BE GETTING OFF THERE...
NO, WAIT! GO TO YAMATE ROAD, TOWARDS SHIROKANE...
YUU...?
LET ME STAY OVER TONIGHT? TOMORROW'S FILM SHOOT LOCATION IS CLOSER TO YOUR PLACE...
I HAVE THE SCRIPT WITH ME...
PRETTY PLEASE?
sigh...

WHAT'RE YOU READING? THE SCRIPT?
For tomorrow's shoot?
HAVE YOU MEMORIZED YOUR LINES YET?
AFTER THE STAFF INTRODUCTION TOMORROW, WE'LL OFFICIALLY START FILMING
I GOT IT. NO PROBLEM
JIN...
...YOU'RE TOTALLY HOT.
Sidebar
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?
I'M JUST BEING HONEST, FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...

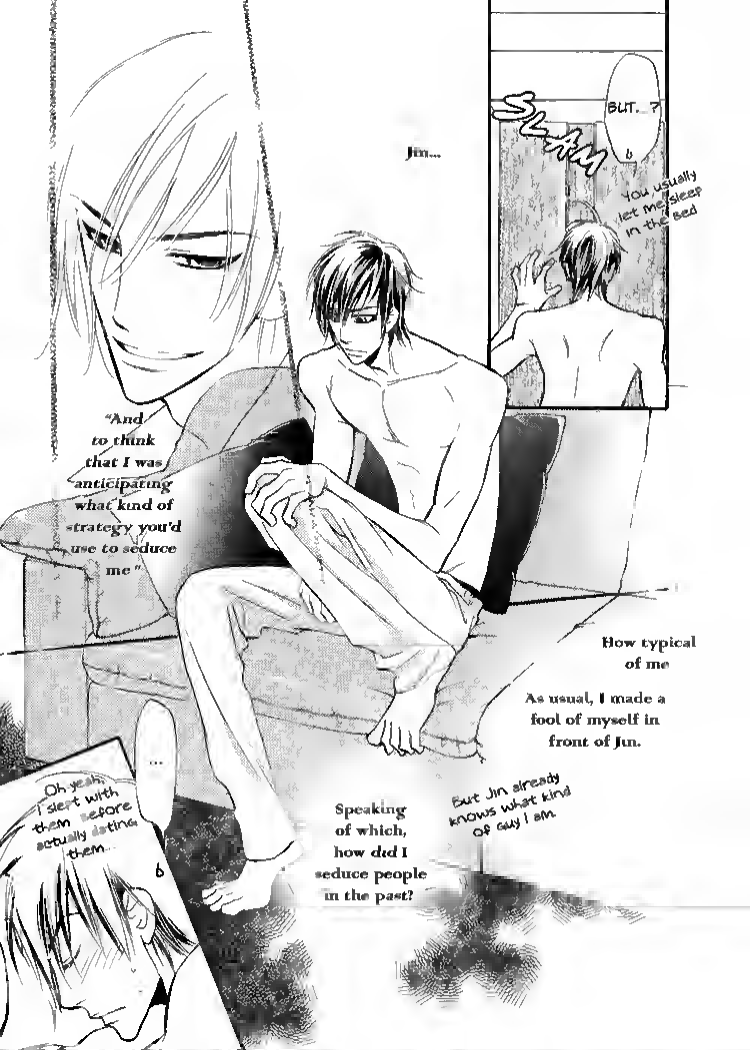
HEY...
C...N I KISS YOU?
...
YUU...
?!
IS THIS HOW YOU SEDUCE WOMEN? USING SUCH CHEAP PICK-UP LINES?
HEY!
I JUST ASKED YOU IF I COULD KISS YOU OR NOT!
CAN I, OR CAN'T I?
AND TO THINK THAT I WAS ANTICIPATING WHAT KIND OF STRATEGY YOU'D USE TO SEDUCE ME.
YOU SOUNDED SO CONFIDENT WHEN YOU SAID, 'I WANT TO SEDUCE YOU, JIN'
PFF!

YOU CAN'T
WHY NOT!? JUST ONE KISS WON'T KILL YOU!
LISTEN...
...I HAVE NO INTEREST IN PLAYING THESE GAMES WITH YOU.
HUH?
WHAT GAMES?
EVERY TIME YOU GET DUMPED, YOU ALWAYS SAY 'JIN WILL BE MY NEXT LOVER'
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, I CAN'T THINK YOU'RE SERIOUS
B-BUT
...YOU SAID, 'IF YUU GETS MARRIED, CROSS WILL DISBAND', SO IT'S YOUR FAULT!
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID, HOW CAN I EVEN CONSIDER SEEING ANYBODY ELSE?!

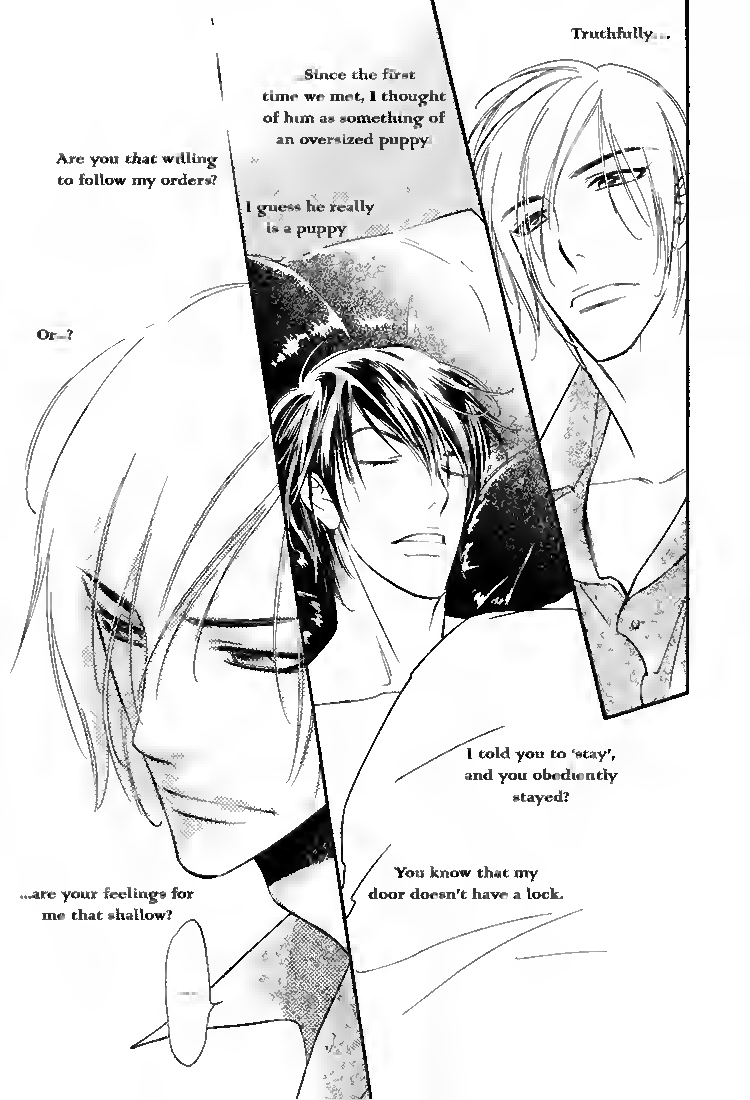
YOU HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE FINE WITH WHOMEVER, YOU JUST WANT A LOVER
I'M NOT FINE WITH WHOM-EVER..!
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE WE KNOWN EACH OTHER?
ISN'T IT A BIT LATE FOR THIS?
THAT'S BE-CAUSE
..I'VE ALWAYS SEEN YOU AS AN UNREACHABLE FLOWER, SOME-THING TOO BEAUTIFUL TO EVER TOUCH
BECAUSE, JIN, YOU ARE
I'LL NEVER FORGET THE FIRST TIME WE MET
I'D NEVER EVER SEEN ANYONE SO UTTERLY GORGEOUS .

I STILL DON'T SEE HOW YOU COULD BE SERIOUS
WHY NOT?!
UH-HUH!
YOU REALLY WANT TO BE MY LOVER?
HMM
YOUR LOVES ARE MANY AND FREQUENT
YOU FALL IN LOVE AS EASILY AS YOU FALL OUT OF IT, OVER -NIGHT
...AND YOU WANT YOUR NEXT LOVER TO BE ME?
BUT...
—I WAS SERIOUS EVERY TIME
It's the truth!
...
WHEN YOU GET DUMPED, YOU SINK INTO DEPRESSION FOR AN ENTIRE NIGHT, BUT BY THE NEXT NIGHT YOU'RE ALREADY SEEING SOMEONE NEW
HAVING KNOWN YOU FOR SO LONG, I'VE SEEN THIS SCENARIO OCCUR ONE TOO MANY TIMES IN A ROW.

I don't think you're lying. But...
I JUST DON'T THINK THAT YOUR DEFINITION OF 'SERIOUS' IS THE SAME AS MY DEFINITION OF 'SERIOUS'
SO...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THINK ABOUT IT.
IF YOU CAN MANAGE TO MAKE ME BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY 'SERIOUS',
THEN I'LL ACTUALLY CONSIDER YOUR OFFER.
GOOD NIGHT, YUU.
Eh?
Where're you going?
I'M SLEEPING ON THE COUCH?
YEP!
chuckle
TRY NOT TO CATCH A COLD


Jin...
SLAM
BUT..?
You usually let me sleep in the bed
"And to think that I was anticipating what kind of strategy you'd use to seduce me"
How typical of me
As usual, I made a fool of myself in front of Jin.
Speaking of which, how did I seduce people in the past?
But Jin already knows what kind of guy I am.
...
Oh yeah, I slept with them before actually dating them...

I've come to the conclusion...
...is damned near impossible
...that getting Jin to fall in love with the real me—
...
Crap.
I NEED TO SLEEP.
Whipped dog that won't stop whining.
Click


Truthfully...
Since the first time we met, I thought of him as something of an oversized puppy
Are you *that* willing to follow my orders?
I guess he really is a puppy
Or—?
I told you to 'stay', and you obediently stayed?
You know that my door doesn't have a lock.
...are your feelings for me that shallow?
...

It would have been better if you really were a puppy
.. then you could be mine alone
If you were a puppy...

Studio
OH!
DIRECTOR NARUSAWA!
PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF US AGAIN!
YUU, JIN... YOU TWO LOOK GREAT!
BEEN WORKING HARD LATELY?
JIN AND I HAVEN'T WORKED AS ACTORS ON THE SAME PROJECT IN QUITE A WHILE...
...SO IT'S QUITE A COINCIDENCE THAT YOU ARE DIRECTING THIS.
YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY OFFERS FOR TV SHOWS LATELY.
YOU'VE BEEN DIRECTING MOVIES.

UWAH!
NOW I'M SCARED!
I WANTED TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU TWO HAVE IMPROVED.
YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT WHEN I READ THIS SCRIPT, I NOTICED THAT BOTH OF YOU WERE IN THE CAST
UP NEXT – CHARACTER INTRODUCTIONS
深夜ドラマ
WAKU YUU-SAN WILL BE PLAYING SHINJOU KAZUMI
MAKABE ITORU WILL BE PLAYED BY TATEWAKI JIN-SAN
MAKABE TAKUMI WILL...
I'M WAKU, PLEASE GUIDE ME THROUGH THIS
PLEASE GUIDE ME.

BREAK WILL END AT ONE-THIRTY THIS AFTERNOON
PLEASE COME TO STAGE THREE AFTER BREAK.
TATEWAKI!
TSU-TSUMI?
IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE!
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE WORKING WITH YOU IN A TV SERIES.
SINCE MY SINGING CAREER IS PRETTY MUCH OVER
HEY, IT'S TSUITSUMI -KUN!
UH...

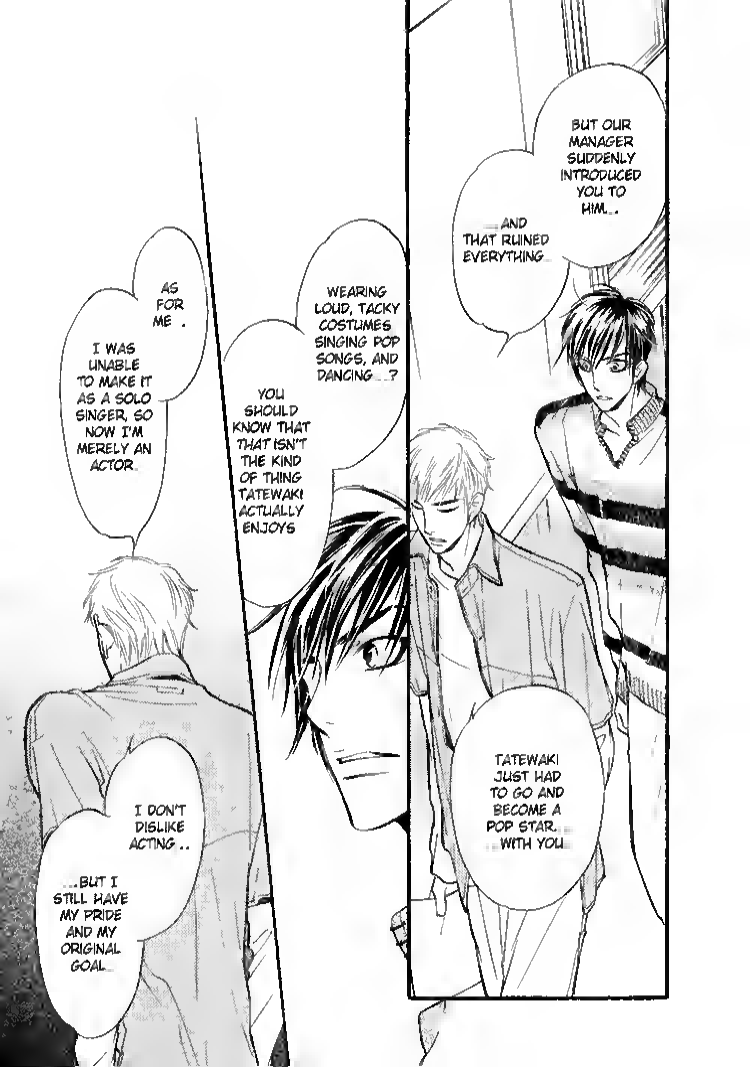
LONG TIME, NO SEE!
THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE FROM OUR PRODUCTION COMPANY HERE
THERE'S US, AND NOW TSUTSUMI-KUN AND YANAKA
...AS WELL AS...
EXCUSE ME...?
UM...
UH, GOOD AFTER-NOON!
I'M GUESSING THAT HE'S ALSO FROM OUR COMPANY?
THAT'S AIHARA.
HE'S STUDYING TO BECOME AN ACTOR. HE'S ASSISTING ME DURING HIS TRAINING
TSUTSUMI-KUN, I'LL JUST TAKE YOUR BENTO TO YOUR DRESSING ROOM
ALRIGHT.
AH, JIN! COULD I BORROW YOU FOR A MOMENT?
YEAH, SURE
YUU, GO AHEAD AND EAT
OKAY

TSUTSUMI-KUN! YOU VOICE-DUBBED FOR A FOREIGN FILM RIGHT?
I SAW IT ON TV AND THOUGHT, "WOW THAT VOICE... IT SOUNDS SO FAMILIAR"
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU HAD AN EXCELLENT VOICE
WHEN DID YOU START WORKING AS A VOICE-ACTOR?
HEY, CAN I EAT MY LUNCH WITH YOU IN YOUR DRESSING ROOM?
WAKU...
Hmm?

YOU AND JIN...
...YOU TWO SEEM TO BE PROGRESSING QUITE STEADILY
BOTH OF YOU HAVE RELEASED INDIVIDUAL SINGLES, RIGHT?
UH...
EVEN THOUGH CROSS IS HIGHLY POPUL..R AND QUITE SUCCESSFUL
...I WAS WONDERING IF THERE WAS SOME KIND OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU?
OH, NOT AT ALL
Whew! That's what he's talking about!
FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT HE KNEW ABOUT ME TRYING TO ROMANCE JIN.
EVER SINCE WE RELEASED SEPARATE SINGLES, A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SAYING THAT
SOME OF THEM EVEN THOUGHT CROSS WAS DISBANDING!
DO YOU GUYS PLAN TO HOLD SEPARATE CONCERTS?
NOPE! WE DO ALL OUR CONCERTS TOGETHER.

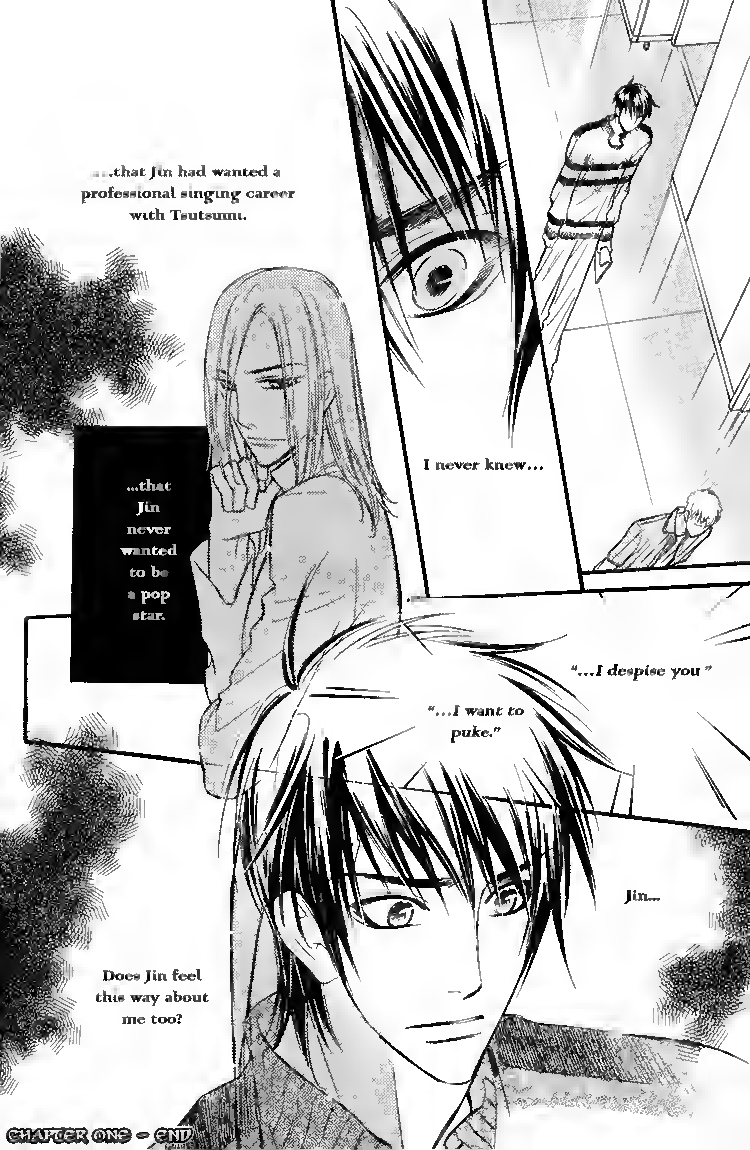
IS THAT SO?
THEN TATEWAKI HASN'T DECIDED TO PERSUE A SEPARATE CAREER?
WHY WOULD HE DO THAT?
GAO-AKU AKU
WELL...
DON'T TELL ME...
—YOU DIDN'T KNOW, WAKU?
BUT THEN, HOW WOULD YOU?
THIS WAS JUST BEFORE HE JOINED YOU TO BEGIN A CAREER AS A BOY BAND, TEEN IDOL
HUH?

BECAUSE OF THE EXTENT OF HIS VOCAL SKILLS, TATEWAKI WAS ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SINGER...
...
...WITH ME...
...AS HIS PARTNER.
WHAT?!


TATEWAKI JUST HAD TO GO AND BECOME A POP STAR... ...WITH YOU.
...AND THAT RUINED EVERYTHING...
BUT OUR MANAGER SUDDENLY INTRODUCED YOU TO HIM...
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THAT ISN'T THE KIND OF THING TATEWAKI ACTUALLY ENJOYS
WEARING LOUD, TACKY COSTUMES SINGING POP SONGS, AND DANCING...?
AS FOR ME...
I WAS UNABLE TO MAKE IT AS A SOLO SINGER, SO NOW I'M MERELY AN ACTOR.
I DON'T DISLIKE ACTING..
...BUT I STILL HAVE MY PRIDE AND MY ORIGINAL GOAL.

I STILL WANT TO BE A SINGER.
IT WAS THE MANAGER'S DECISION THAT YOU SHOULD WORK WITH TATEWAKI....
...BUT TO THIS DAY, I DESPISE YOU.
IF YOU HADN'T SHOWN UP...
TATEWAKI MIGHT HAVE...
...CONSIDERED SOMETHING VERY DIFFERENT.

WHEN I SEE YOU ACTING LIKE A PUPPY WAGGING HIS TAIL, TRYING TO PLEASE...
...I WANT TO PUKE!
I WON'T ASK YOU NOT TO SPEAK TO ME AT ALL, BUT PLEASE, DON'T DO THAT 'FRIENDLY' CRAP WITH ME.
SO, NOW YOU KNOW.


...that Jin had wanted a professional singing career with Tsutsumi.
...that Jin never wanted to be a pop star.
I never knew...
"...I despise you"
"...I want to puke."
Jin...
Does Jin feel this way about me too?
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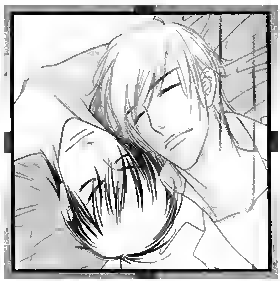

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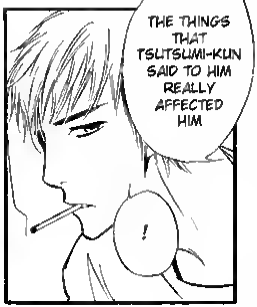
DON'T ACT SO FRIENDLY WITH ME
WHEN I SEE YOU TREATING EVERYONE LIKE A PUPPY WAGGING HIS TAIL TO PLEASE ITS OWNER.
IT MAKES ME WANT TO PUKE.
...
ka-click
..
LIKE A PUPPY. CAN'T HELP IT, THAT GUY REALLY ACTS LIKE A DOG.
I will not make a dog a buddy!!
THAT GUY, TSUTSUMI.

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE HATED YUU UNTIL NOW.
HE THINKS IT'S YUU'S FAULT THAT HE CAN'T SING...
HE EVEN SAID IT WAS YUU'S FAULT THAT I'M AN IDOL WHICH I DON'T WISH TO BE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
WHAT TSUTSUMI THINKS IS HIS OWN BUSINESS,
BUT WHY DID HE PICK THIS PARTICULAR TIME TO SAY IT ALOUD?
WHAT IS HE PLANNING TO DO...
...YUU
KA-CLICK
He's not here
silence
HE DIDN'T EVEN EAT HIS LUNCH WHERE'D HE GO...?

WE'LL START FROM SCENE EIGHT,
THE SCENE WHERE TAKUMI RETURNS HOME
ACTORS IN POSI-TION...
GET LOST!
YUU! HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU!? YOU HAVE TO...
BAM
CUT!
CUT!
HAA... THAT'S ENOU-GH
GO CALM YOUR BRAIN A LITTLE

think
CHATTER
CHATTER
THANKS FOR THE HARD WORK, EVERY-ONE.
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR TODAY.
THAT'S ALRIGHT, SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW
YUU.
...
WAKU-KUN DIDN'T CONCENTRATE ON HIS ACTING TODAY
YEAH. THAT'S RIGHT

YOU... HEARD EVERY-THING?
I'M SORRY
IT'S FINE IT'S THE TRUTH ANYWAY.


THE THINGS THAT TSUTSUMI-KUN SAID TO HIM REALLY AFFECTED HIM
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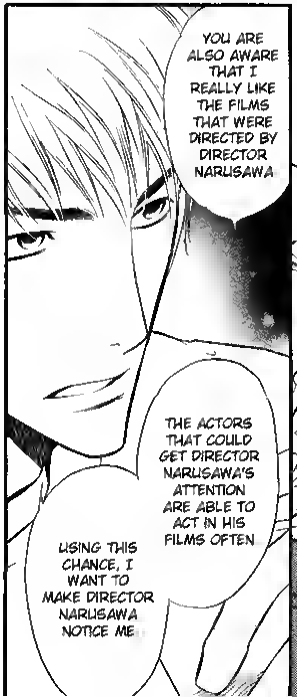

YOU ARE ALSO AWARE THAT I REALLY LIKE THE FILMS THAT WERE DIRECTED BY DIRECTOR NARUSAWA
THE ACTORS THAT COULD GET DIRECTOR NARUSAWA'S ATTENTION ARE ABLE TO ACT IN HIS FILMS OFTEN
USING THIS CHANCE, I WANT TO MAKE DIRECTOR NARUSAWA NOTICE ME

BUT HIS REACTION IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I'D EXPECTED
IT WASN'T HIS IDEA TO TAKE THIS PATH, SO HE IS EASILY INFLUENCED BY OTHER PEOPLE

IF WAKU STAYS LIKE THAT,
I'D HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF IN FRONT OF THE DIRECTOR
SO YOU INTENTIONALLY SAID THOSE THINGS TO WAKU-KUN IN ORDER TO UPSET HIM?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TELL HIM THOSE THINGS, I JUST CHOSE THIS TIME TO DO SO
chuckle
IT'S LIKE KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE
WHY. .
.....
WHAT?
NO-THING . .
TSUTSUMI -KUN. .
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PLAY THESE LITTLE TRICKS. .

AIHARA, COFFEE
ANOTHER ONE, PLEASE.
RIGHT AWAY.
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
YUU...
SOFT
YUU...
AH!
EM.
YOU...
EM...
I CAN'T DO IT...
I CAN'T SMILE NATURALLY...
OH... I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO,
I'LL BE OFF NOW.
HEY...

SLAM
THE THINGS THAT TSUTSUMI SAID MUST HAVE REALLY HURT YUU.
IF ONLY YUU WOULD COME CRYING TO ME AND TELL ME SOMEONE HAD BULLIED HIM, THEN I COULD COMFORT HIM...
Why can't he act a bit spoiled at times like this?
OH WELL,
HE'LL BE FINE AS USUAL AFTER HE WAKES UP
SSS...
I WHAT AM I DOING?
CLICK
SLAM

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME,
SOMEONE'S SAID HE HATES ME RIGHT TO MY FACE.
IT'S VERY HURTFUL
I WAS ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE JIN'S PARTNER
I REALLY HATE YOU RIGHT NOW
IF YOU HADN'T APPEARED...!
THE THINGS THAT TSUTSUMI-KUN TOLD ME REALLY SHOOK ME UP,
MY BRAIN SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED FUNCTIONING...

DON'T KNOW WHAT JIN THINKS OF THIS...
AND HE EVEN SAID HE WANTED TO PUKE AFTER LOOKING AT ME...
HATES ME ENOUGH TO PUKE...
AM I REALLY THAT DISGUSTING...
Scritch scratch
JIN,
HE DOESN'T HATE ME, RIGHT?
IF HE DID, THEN HE WOULDN'T ALLOW ME TO STAY IN HIS HOME
BUT THEN AGAIN,...
JIN IS VERY MATURE...
MAYBE HE ACCEPTS ME BECAUSE I'M HIS WORKING PARTNER.

I...
JIN SAID BEFORE "DON'T FEEL THAT YOUR 'SERIOUS' IS THE SAME AS MY 'SERIOUS'."
THEN IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN THINK OF COURTING HIM.
HE DIDN'T SAY WHETHER HE IS WILLING TO BECOME MY LOVER OR NOT.
IF THAT'S SO,
WHAT SHOULD I DO..
HOW CAN I OVERCOME THIS...?
THAT'S ONLY AN EXCUSE TO REJECT ME...

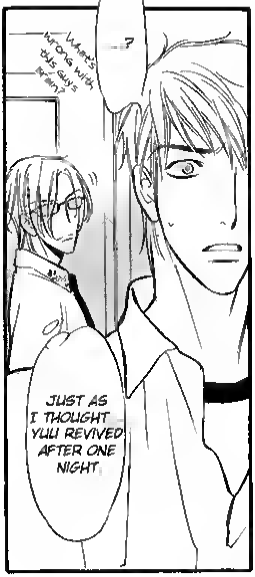
I CAN'T THINK OF ANY SOLUTION.
TOMORROW I'LL ASK JIN DIRECTLY AND GET THE PROBLEM SORTED OUT.
IT'S GOING TO BE FINE,
JIN SHOULDN'T HATE ME.
CO..
COCK-ROACH
IT'S GOING TO BE FINE...
MORNIN'
GOOD MORNING

Good morning, Tsutsumi-kun!
HUH
Oh, good morning.
Morning
HOW IS HE STILL ABLE TO SMILE LIKE THAT—
Especially after what I did to him yesterday!
Good morning.
Because you didn't answer me so I'm making a move.
HUMPH..
Good morning.
Morning.
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY!? QUIT ACTING FRIENDLY WITH ME..

I didn't forget.
CRUSH
I CAN'T CONTROL THIS KIND OF THING—. THERE'S NO WAY
BUT..
I LIKE YOU A LOT.
AND I'VE THOUGHT IT THROUGH.
HUH. .?
And the sensuous
The difference between cock-roaches and humans,
is the ability to fight back!
Cock-roach..?

TSUTSUMI-KUN'S 'HATE' AND MY 'LIKE',
SHOULD HAVE A SHOWDOWN.

See you!
LATER, I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS ON ACTING TECHNIQUES THAT I'D LIKE YOU TO HELP ME WITH.
It was helpful to you!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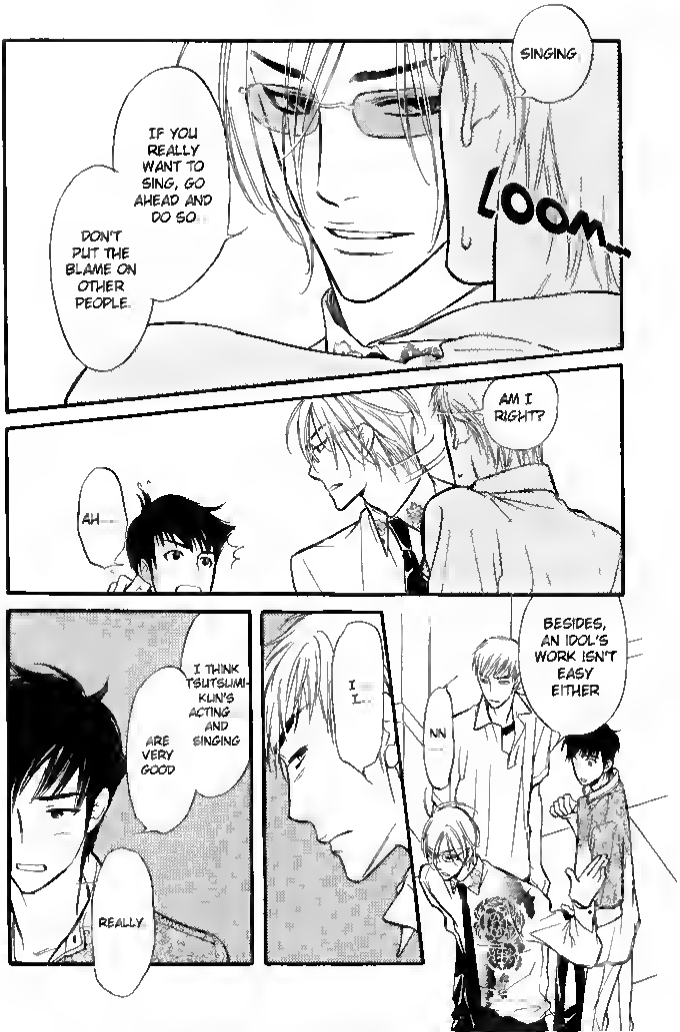
What's wrong with this guy's aroma?
JUST AS I THOUGHT YUU REVIVED AFTER ONE NIGHT.

TSUTSUMI
TATE-WAKI...


SINGING
LOOM...
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SING, GO AHEAD AND DO SO.
DON'T PUT THE BLAME ON OTHER PEOPLE.
AM I RIGHT?
AH...
BESIDES, AN IDOL'S WORK ISN'T EASY EITHER
NN
I I...
I THINK TSUTSUMI-KUN'S ACTING AND SINGING ARE VERY GOOD
REALLY

...!
YOU ARE MY GOAL...!
GOOD MORNING, JIN-SAN!
GOOD MORN-ING.
GOOD MORNING, YUU!
YEAH,
MORN-ING.
AM I GOING TO ASK HIM
WHAT HE REALLY
THINKS ABOUT ME?

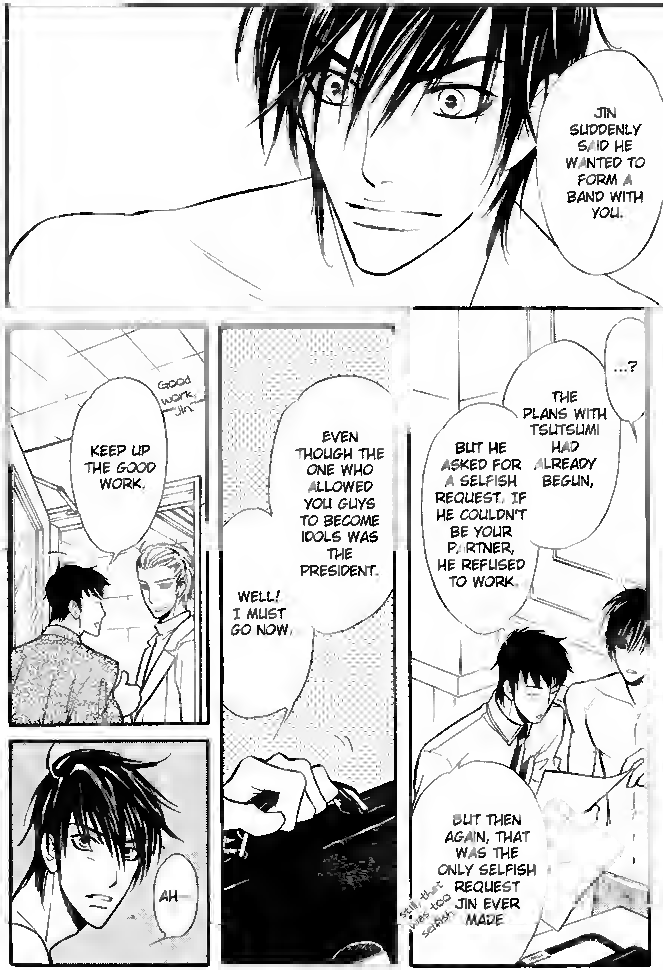
IF HE SAID HE HATES ME...
BUT,
IF
I...
I!
I'VE DECIDED NEVER TO GET MARRIED!
HUH?
SO CROSS WILL NEVER DISBAND!!
WHAT THE ...?
WHAT?

QUIET ON THE SET, PLEASE!
SCENE 2
CLAP!
STOP HARASSING ME ALL THE TIME.
I WON'T LET YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE...
I WILL DEFINITELY...
HE WAS ACTING WEIRD A MOMENT AGO, BUT HIS ACTING SEEMS TO BE FINE.

YOU WERE HERE ALL ALONG, NII-SAN? THE PROFESSOR IS LOOKING FOR YOU.
WHAT'S WRONG?
THEN I'M GOING NOW
THERE'S BLOOD ON YOUR BODY, NII-SAN.
IS IT SHINJOU-KUN AGAIN...?
JIN

AS LONG AS CROSS IS STILL ALIVE, THEN I CAN BE WITH JIN.
EVEN IF JIN HATES ME,
HE LOOKS GOOD IN WHITE CLOTHING!
HE'S SUCH A BEAUTY!
dazed
Jin said CROSS will disband if I get married
So there won't be any more problems if I don't get married
BUT EVEN SO,
IF I WERE HATED BY HIM,
I'D DEFINITELY BE SAD...
I STILL WANT TO BE WITH JIN

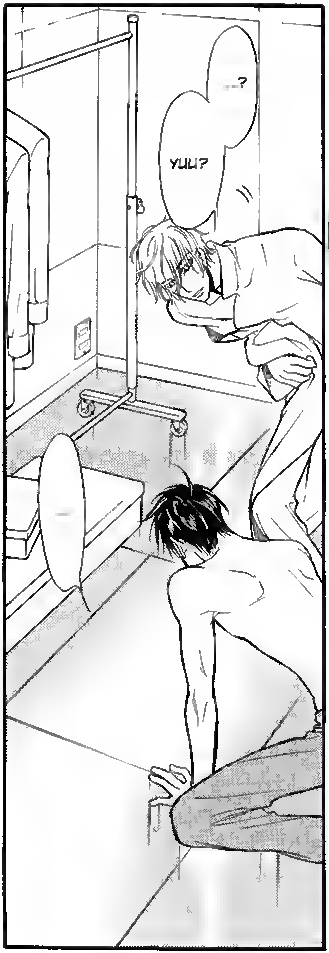
GOOD WORK, YUU.
HE SHOULD BE FINISHED SOON. .
GOING FOR YOUR AFTERNOON BREAK? WHERE'S JIN?
THE PRESIDENT ORDERED ME TO GO ON A BUSINESS TRIP ALL OF A SUDDEN.
I have to leave again
EM... AFTER FINISHING THE TV SERIES WORK YOU HAVE TO GO PRACTICE THE DANCE STEPS FOR YOUR NEW SONG REMEMBER TO REMIND JIN FOR ME
AND ALSO
KUDOU-SAN!
HEY,
IS IT TRUE THAT JIN WAS SUPPOSED TO JOIN WITH TSUTSUMI -KUN TO FORM A BAND?
HUH? YEAH, BUT
MANY PROBLEMS HAPPENED AT THAT TIME.
PROBLEMS..?
BECAUSE I JOINED THE COMPANY... AND THEN, THE PRESIDENT


JIN SUDDENLY SAID HE WANTED TO FORM A BAND WITH YOU.
...?
THE PLANS WITH TSUTSUMI HAD ALREADY BEGUN,
BUT HE ASKED FOR A SELFISH REQUEST. IF HE COULDN'T BE YOUR PARTNER, HE REFUSED TO WORK.
BUT THEN AGAIN, THAT WAS THE ONLY SELFISH REQUEST JIN EVER MADE.
Still that's very good for him!
EVEN THOUGH THE ONE WHO ALLOWED YOU GUYS TO BECOME IDOLS WAS THE PRESIDENT.
WELL! I MUST GO NOW.
Good work, Jin!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
AH—

SLAM
ISN'T KUDOU A LITTLE TOO TALKATIVE?
JIN... YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO FORM A BAND WITH ME...?
WHY...?
IF YUU KNOWS I ACTUALLY WANTED TO FORM A BAND WITH HIM, HE IS SURELY GOING TO EXAGGERATE..
JIN! YOU HAVE LIKED ME EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING!
BECAUSE YOU CAUGHT MY ATTENTION
CAUGHT YOUR ATTENTION?
WHICH PART OF ME...?
THE PART THAT ACTS LIKE A DOG
PROUDLY

SO... YOU DON'T HATE ME?
HOW COULD I POSSIBLY WORK WITH SOMEONE I HATE?
THAT'S GOOD
THE STUPIDER THE KID IS, THE CUTER..
'I'VE DECIDED NEVER TO GET MARRIED!'
Sulk
HE ACTUALLY BELIEVED EVERYTHING TSUTSUMI SAID, AND WAS WORRIED ALL THIS TIME
"WHAT AN IDIOT"
EH —?
MAKING THAT KIND OF STATEMENT,
THE PERSON WHO IS GOING TO REGRET IT IN THE FUTURE IS YOU
Smirk
HAH
THAT'S RIGHT...

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I GET MARRIED OR NOT,
IT DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU GETTING MARRIED I'LL LEAVE THE BAND WHEN I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE
AFTER STATING THAT 'MARRIED = DISBANDED' ANNOUNCEMENT, JIN SAID
BECAUSE THE WORD 'MARRIED' GAVE SUCH A DEEP IMPRESSION, IT ALMOST MADE ME FORGET
HE DID SAY THAT BEFORE
'WHEN I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE'
AT THE TIME, JIN DIDN'T SPECIFY WHAT HE COULDN'T TAKE, BUT MAYBE IT'S WHAT TSUTSUMI KUN SAID,
THE 'BEING AN IDOL' ISSUE. "?
JIN ONLY HAS TO SAY HE QUITS THEN CROSS WILL BE DISBANDED



EVEN THOUGH HE SAID HE DOESN'T DISLIKE ME,

HE COMPLETELY REJECTS MY COURTSHIP

CROSS IS THE ONLY THING THAT LINKS JIN AND I HAVE TOGETHER,

ONLY CROSS...

Jerk
NN
HUH. .
WHAT?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I..
I LIKE YOU.
HUH?
OH...

HUH. .
YOU SAID BEFORE, MY SERIOUS AND YOUR SERIOUS ARE DIFFERENT,
YOU'RE RIGHT
I...
YUU... THIS...
DOES THIS MEAN IT WAS ALSO A MISTAKE WHEN YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO WOO ME?
MAYBE I NEVER TRULY LIKED SOMEONE BEFORE.
I WAS DUMPED MANY TIMES IN THE PAST...
BUT WHEN THE OTHER PERSON SAYS GOODBYE TO ME, I NEVER THOUGHT OF HOW I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM THEM.

BEING TOGETHER WITH JIN IS SOMETHING I THOUGHT WOULD BE OBVIOUS,
BUT I WAS WRONG.
WHEN I THINK OF THIS
EVEN THOUGH WE ARE TOGETHER NOW, WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TOMORROW.
I FEEL VERY SCARED..

JIN...
I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOU
I LOVE YOU
YUU...
THIS TIME,
I'M SERIOUS.

End of ch. 2

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chapter 3

I REALLY DO LOVE YOU,
SO,
BE MY LOVER.
OKAY ...?
No.
Why not?!

I'M REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT THIS!!
I KNOW YOU ARE
THEN...
LIKE I'VE SAID BEFORE, IF YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
Ugh
DIDN'T YOU SAY I WAS AN "UNREACHABLE FLOWER"?
DON'T THINK THAT AN UNREACHABLE FLOWER CAN BE OBTAINED SO EASILY.
Good luck!
It's not my problem
Ruki

BUT...
I'M GOING TO GET A CAFE LATTE, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?
What does he mean by "acts like a dog"?
JIN SAID HE LIKES THE PART OF ME THAT 'ACTS LIKE A DOG'...
A DOG WHO WANTS TO COURT AN UNREACHABLE FLOWER, ISN'T IT GOING TO BE EVEN HARDER THAN A HUMAN?
YUU...
MM!?
NN...

...
Who said you could kiss me?
YUU!
Woof!!
WHAT'S WITH THAT BARK!
DOES HE WANT ME TO PASS IT OFF AS GETTING BITTEN BY A DOG?*
KISSING ME LIKE THIS
CAFE LATTE, RIGHT? I'LL GO BUY IT

*T/N. Jin thought Yuu's implying that he shouldn't read too much into the kiss.

BUT,
SINCE YOU'VE MADE ME SUFFER FROM THIS ONE-SIDED LOVE FOR SO LONG
I WON'T LET YOU HAVE ME THAT EASILY
hmmmm
AM I A SADIST OR A MASOCHIST...?
IN THIS SITUATION,
THEN AGAIN, THAT MEANS I WON'T BE GETTING ANY ACTION AT THE SAME TIME...
CAFE LATTE PLEASE!
TWO CUPS!
I HAVE A CHANCE!!
YES!
He's so cute~
JIN. HE WON'T BE ANGRY AS LONG AS I'M SERIOUS ABOUT IT, RIGHT?

A FEW DAYS LATER...
AT ZERO-ONE PRODUCTION
BOSS...
YUU, YOU LOOK TIRED
ISN'T IT MY DAY OFF TODAY?
Slide
JIN DUMPED ME, SO I PLAYED VIDEO-GAMES UNTIL MORNING...
I didn't sleep Wright at all
I APOLOGIZE FOR SUDDENLY CALLING YOU HERE, I'VE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU
GOOD MORNING
AH!
SO JIN'S WITH ME ON THIS TOO! HI JIN~~ IT'S BEEN 15 HOURS!
COME ON BOYS. GET CHANGED INTO THESE

VROOM
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO SHOW US?
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT HIM?
LATELY A YOUNG MAGICIAN NAMED J-LOVE HAS BEEN CATCHING A LOT OF ATTENTION.
OH...
YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS, JIN?

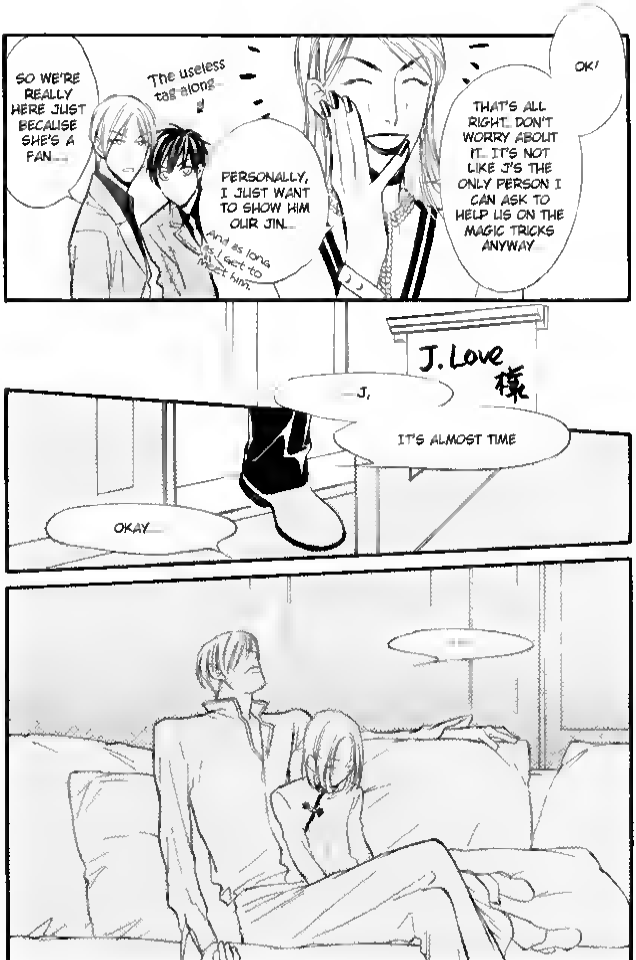
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM BEFORE BUT HIS NAME WAS MENTIONED A COUPLE OF TIMES IN MY FAN LETTERS
SOMETHING ABOUT THE PUPPET HE USES FOR HIS SHOW LOOKING LIKE ME
LOOKS LIKE YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT!
MY FRIEND SAW HIS SHOW IN LAS VEGAS AND SAID IT WAS AMAZING
AND WHEN I WATCHED THE VIDEO I WAS SHOCKED
THAT PUPPET LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE JIN, AND THE MAGICIAN IS VERY HANDSOME!!

OH…
AND SO…?
ACTUALLY, FOR THE NEXT CROSS CONCERT TOUR, I WAS HOPING TO ADD SOME KIND OF MAGIC PERFORMANCE
MAGIC TRICKS IN THE CONCERT?
I WAS THINKING THAT WE COULD DO SOMETHING EXTRAVAGANT, PERFORMANCE-WISE…
AT THE OPENING OR THE ENDING ACT… BUT OF COURSE IT'S NOT LIMITED TO THEM.
AND WHEN I HEARD ABOUT J-LOVE AT AROUND THE SAME TIME…
DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS ALL MEANT TO BE!?
Bingo!!
ARE YOU SAYING… THAT YOU WANT HIM TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO OUR PERFORMANCE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT…?
ISN'T THAT IMPOSSIBLE?
HE'S A GUY WHO'S GOOD ENOUGH TO HAVE HIS OWN SHOW IN LAS VEGAS…

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING! YOU GUYS ARE JAPAN'S SUPER IDOLS!
Besides
I'M SURE J LOVE WILL BE SHOCKED IF HE SEES JIN!!
LUCKILY, A FRIEND GOT ME TICKETS TO HIS SHOW.
We're going to Las Vegas!?
IN TOKYO
HE'S ON A JAPANESE TOUR

KEEP IT DOWN YOU TWO,
APPARENTLY THERE ARE MANY CROSS FANS HERE TO SEE THE MAGIC SHOW
REIKO.
BUSTLE BUSTLE
HAVE YOU BEEN TO LAS VEGAS, JIN?
DIDN'T YOU LIVE IN AMERICA BEFORE?
Is Yamaoka-san around?
Yes.
YEAH... I STUDIED ABROAD FOR A PERIOD OF TIME DURING HIGH SCHOOL,
AND I'VE BEEN TO LAS VEGAS TO WATCH SOME SHOWS.
Reception for Authorized Personnel
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU LIKE THIS TODAY, YAMAOKA
Girls
LET ME DO THE INTRODUCTION THEY ARE WAKU YUU AND TATE-WAKI JIN THIS IS YAMAOKA HAJIME-SAN, THE MANAGER HERE.
PLEASED TO MEET YOU
PLEASED TO MEET YOU TOO! CAN I GET YOUR AUTOGRAPH LATER?
YES, OF COURSE!
my daughter is a fan of yours
BUT ANYWAY, I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO HIM AFTER THE SHOW.
I'll have to wait until he's in a better mood
MAYBE BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF HIS FIRST TRIP TO JAPAN, J IS UNUSUALLY NERVOUS TODAY...
REIKO, I'VE ONLY TOLD THEM THAT THE THREE OF YOU WILL BE COMING, BUT I STILL HAVEN'T MENTIONED ANYTHING REGARDING THE CONCERT TO J AND HIS PEOPLE.


SO WE'RE REALLY HERE JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A FAN...
The useless tag along
PERSONALLY, I JUST WANT TO SHOW HIM OUR JIN...
And as long as I get to meet him.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT'S NOT LIKE J'S THE ONLY PERSON I CAN ASK TO HELP US ON THE MAGIC TRICKS ANYWAY...
OK!
J. Love 様
J,
IT'S ALMOST TIME
OKAY...

T/N. Shoujo manga = girl's comic
J LOVE'S PERFORMANCE IS LIKE A SHOUJO* MANGA'S WORLD, BOTH BEAUTIFUL AND FANTASTICAL
A PUPPET THAT ONLY COMES TO LIFE DURING THE NIGHT, AND ITS ONE NIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH J... THAT'S THE BACKSTORY
AND THE MOVING PUPPET WILL ACT AS J'S MAGIC ASSISTANT AS WELL
DING
DING
AH,
IT'S STARTING

IT LOOKS LIKE JIN WHEN I FIRST MET HIM!
IT'S LIKE JIN!
AH...

Uwah! It stood up!
That's so cool!
YUU, KEEP IT DOWN
I WONDER IF THE PUPPET IS A GIRL
You can't really tell from its costume
MAYBE BECAUSE IT LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE JIN, IT LOOKS LIKE A BOY TO ME
IF IT REALLY IS A BOY, IT'S A LITTLE PERVERSE FOR HIM TO BE KISSING A BOY TO WAKE HIM UP, DON'T YOU THINK?

BUSTLE
BUSTLE
THAT PUPPET REALLY LOOKED LIKE JIN!!
THAT WAS AMAZING. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
ACTUALLY, I FIND THAT KIND OF CREEPY
OH? HARUMI?
IT'S MAGIC, SO THERE MUST BE A TRICK BEHIND IT. I WONDER HOW...
?
I REALLY WANT TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PUPPET,
DO YOU THINK HE'D LET ME.
JIN?

YUU...
JIN!
REIKO, YOU LOOK WELL
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A LONG TIME. WHERE'S YOUR LITTLE BOYFRIEND?
He's with me here tonight.
JIN!
JIN!
YUU,
WOULD YOU KEEP QUIET FOR A...
JIN'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!!
By some men in black!
HUH?
SLAM
AH...
WHAT ARE YOU...?
HEY...

JIN...?
STARTLED
JJ?!
His hairstyle is different
YOU ARE JIN, RIGHT...?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?
I USED TO SHOW YOU MY MAGIC TRICKS
IN CENTRAL PARK.

JA
JACK?
THAT'S RIGHT!!
I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU STILL REMEMBERED ME! I RECOGNIZED YOU WITH JUST ONE GLANCE!!
I WAS HOPING THAT IF I CAME TO JAPAN, I MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
BUT... I DIDN'T REALLY EXPECT...
THAT LITTLE KID HAS GROWN SO BIG...
He's even taller than I am...

THIS MUST BE FATE!!
NN...!!
YUU...
...?
YOU?
YOU CAN'T GO IN NOW...
JIN!

!!
GRAB
YUU .
YUU,
STOP THAT!
YUU...?

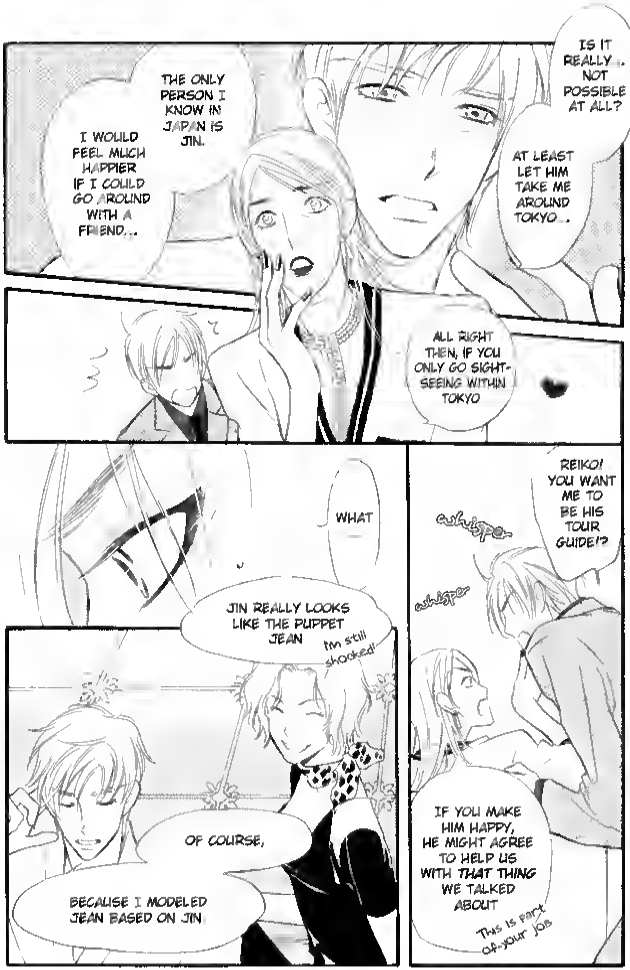
YUU!
WHY YOU !
IF YOU DARE TO LAY A FINGER ON JIN
J ..!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT
BUT .
I WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU.

I APOLOGIZE FOR MY BRASH BEHAVIOR
this look for business use.
WHEN I THOUGHT THAT I'D LOSE HIM IF I DIDN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, I BECAME A LITTLE DES-PERATE..

I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT THE JAPANESE ARTIST I WAS ABOUT TO MEET WOULD TURN OUT TO BE JIN HIMSELF...
PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.
AH... DO YOU UNDERSTAND MY JAPANESE?
YOUR PRONUNCIATION IS PERFECT.
AH... WHAT A SERIES OF SURPRISES!
TO THINK THAT YOU ARE A FRIEND OF JIN'S...
JIN, WHY DIDN'T YOU REALIZE IT EARLIER?
WE AREN'T REALLY FRIENDS...
WHEN I WAS STUDYING ABROAD, HE PERFORMED A FEW MAGIC TRICKS FOR ME AT THE PARK, THAT'S ALL.
I CAN'T BLAME HIM
AT THAT TIME I WAS STILL...
...YUU

I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER.
IF YOU'RE WILLING TO FORGIVE ME, PLEASE SHAKE MY HAND...
?
BANG
!?
@wah~ Wah~
AMAZING...!
WHERE DID THOSE COME FROM!?
EVEN YOU CAN LEARN THESE KINDS OF SMALL TRICKS VERY EASILY,
LET ME TEACH YOU.
OK!

I'M SORRY I WAS SO IMPOLITE TO YOU TOO...
THAT'S OKAY.
SO LET'S START WITH POKER CARDS
...
JIN,
AFTER MY FINALE PERFORMANCE, I PLAN TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND JAPAN,
CAN YOU BE MY GUIDE?
HUH
WELL...
REALISTICALLY SPEAKING, IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE REIKO-SAN?
THAT'S RIGHT... JIN IS AN IDOL,
HIS WORK SCHEDULE IS TIGHT AND IF HE WERE TO BE SEEN OUT WITH J, THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF COMMOTION
ONCE PEOPLE RECOGNIZE YOU, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SIGHTSEE PROPERLY


IS IT REALLY... NOT POSSIBLE AT ALL?
AT LEAST LET HIM TAKE ME AROUND TOKYO...
THE ONLY PERSON I KNOW IN JAPAN IS JIN.
I WOULD FEEL MUCH HAPPIER IF I COULD GO AROUND WITH A FRIEND...
ALL RIGHT THEN, IF YOU ONLY GO SIGHT-SEEING WITHIN TOKYO
REIKO! YOU WANT ME TO BE HIS TOUR GUIDE!?
eshuhpe-
eshuhpe-
IF YOU MAKE HIM HAPPY, HE MIGHT AGREE TO HELP US WITH THAT THING WE TALKED ABOUT
This is part of your job
WHAT
JIN REALLY LOOKS LIKE THE PUPPET JEAN
I'm still shocked!
OF COURSE,
BECAUSE I MODELED JEAN BASED ON JIN

HUH?
I REALLY REGRETTED THAT I
DIDN'T ASK FOR JIN'S CONTACT INFORMATION.
BASED ON ME...?
I THOUGHT THAT IF I WENT TO THE PARK, I COULD SEE YOU ANYTIME I WANT, BUT...
YOU DISAPPEARED ONE DAY.
I CAME BACK TO JAPAN AFTER I FINISHED MY STUDIES.
RIGHT... I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE AN OVERSEAS STUDENT.

ALL I KNOW ABOUT YOU
IS THAT YOU'RE JAPANESE, AND YOUR NAME IS JIN
IT'S FROM THIS FEELING I HAVE THAT JEAN WAS BORN.
I'VE TRIED LOOKING FOR YOU WITHOUT ANY CLUE...
I COULDN'T FORGET ABOUT YOU, NO MATTER WHAT
IT'S ALSO HOW I CREATED THIS SHOW,
WHICH LAUNCHED MY CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL MAGICIAN AND HELPED ME BECOME SO PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED.

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I'VE BECOME WHO I AM TODAY .!
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT JEAN IS NEAR PERFECTION
BUT,
IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO YOU
JIN,

YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL
YOU ARE MY...
LIVING DIAMOND
This..This is..
A LOVE CONFESSION...?
Huh?

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chapter 4

I PUT MY FEELINGS FOR YOU IN THESE FLOWERS ...

ZERO-ONE PRODUCTION
WOW, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
THERE'RE SO MANY ROSES
The whole office is filled with them!
OH, JIN-KUN!
BOSS JIN-KUN JUST CAME IN.
GOOD MORNING
JIN
THIS IS FOR YOU...
Huh?
THESE ROSES
ARE ALL GIFTS FROM J TO JIN!?

SO THAT REALLY WAS A LOVE CONFESSION AFTER ALL...
HUH!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THIS TYPE OF ROSE HOW MUCH WOULD ONE COST?
I THINK AT LEAST 300 YEN EACH...
I'M SURE IT'S MORE THAN 300 YEN,
EVEN BY ROUGH ESTIMATION, AT THE VERY LEAST...
SQUEAK
THESE FLOWERS MUST COST MORE THAN ONE MILLION YEN...
FLOP
One million?!
Wow!
burst
GOOD MORNING, JIN!
J...!?

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE
JIN!
I PUT ALL MY OVER-FLOWING FEELINGS FOR YOU INTO THESE FLOWERS,
IN HOPES THAT YOUR BEAUTIFUL SELF WILL BECOME EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL
HEY, J,
WHAT'D YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHAT AM I DOING - I'M TRYING TO ASK JIN OUT...
WHAT!
WILL THAT BE A PROBLEM? OH
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE JIN'S LOVER?
HUH
NO
WAIT NO WAIT
NO
THEN DOES JIN HAVE A STEADY PARTNER ALREADY?
IN THAT CASE,
IT'S PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO ASK HIM OUT THEN.
SQUEAK
JIN, PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS UP TO MY DEPARTURE DAY
ACTUALLY, IF YOU'RE ABLE TO MAKE TIME FOR ME,
I CAN PROLONG MY STAY IN JAPAN
I STILL DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU YET, JIN,
WE'LL DEFINITELY NEED A LOT OF TIME TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER.

HEY!
DON'T GO AHEAD AND START MAKING ADVANCES LIKE THAT! I WAS HERE FIRST!
YUU
FIRST? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'm trying to get with Jin too!
huuhs
REALLY ?
BUT THERE'S NOTHING SUCH AS BEING HERE FIRST OR NOT IN COURTSHIP, AM I RIGHT?
BESIDES, YOU ARE ALMOST ALWAYS TOGETHER WITH JIN, BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T WON HIS HEART,
GUH
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GIVE UP?

CHU
SO JIN,
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
J, IT'S TIME TO GO
OOPS, TIME TO WORK.
BIIK
~~~~
COMPARED TO THAT
I THINK I'VE HEARD SOMETHING MORE SHOCKING..
You're trying to get with Jin too?
THAT ASSHOLE!! SO HE REALLY IS AFTER JIN!!
AH,
HE JUST CAME AND LEFT LIKE A HURRICANE
Please don't tell me he's going to be like this everyday
VROOM
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I MADE A PUPPET USING JIN AS A MODEL, RIGHT?
Because he don't look him.
HE EVEN SENT SUCH AMAZING GIFTS,
IF IT WERE ME, I WOULD HAVE FALLEN FOR HIM ALREADY.
ME TOO
ME TOO

AND REIKO-SAN! BOTH YOU AND JIN WOULD ONLY TELL ME THAT 'J WAS VERY HAPPY TO SEE JIN AFTER A LONG TIME.'
JUST BECAUSE I DON'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH! WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?

Eh,
Hah?
I mean I'm I was a woman

WELL TO ME, THIS IS ONLY ANNOYING
WHAT THE HECK AM I GOING TO DO WITH SO MANY FLOWERS

JIN!
EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO INTEREST IN HIM, DON'T BE TOO COLD TO HIM!
SOCIALIZING IS PART OF YOUR JOB!!

BOSS
YOU'RE GOING TO OFFER JIN UP TO J JUST TO GET TO WORK WITH HIM!?
DON'T BLOW THIS OUT OF PROPORTION,
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ASKING JIN TO PROSTITUTE HIMSELF
Do you even need to say that!?
CROSS IS COMING IN
A1 STUDIO
GOOD MORNING
THANK YOU FOR HAVING US
ALL RIGHT
SO JIN, PLEASE GO AHEAD, YOU'RE FIRST

JIN, SO WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT J ?
JIN ISN'T REACTING TO J'S ADVANCES AT ALL
But he normally doesn't show much on his face anyway
NO-THING
I don't really care
I'LL PUSH THAT ASIDE
SINCE I CAN'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF JUST STUDYING HIS FACE,
J, HE'S
FALLEN IN LOVE WITH JIN, KNOWING ONLY HIS NAME,
AND HE COULDN'T FORGET ABOUT HIM,
THIS SHOWS THAT HE REALLY LOVES JIN ENOUGH TO DO ALL THESE THINGS
SO HE MADE A PUPPET THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE JIN, AND HE WORKED HARD TO MASTER JAPANESE

Wait...
THERE ARE ALL THESE THINGS THAT J HAS TO PROVE THAT HIS LOVE FOR JIN IS GENUINE
SO IN COMPARISON, AREN'T I LOSING TO HIM COMPLETELY .?
The puppy that only yelps on account love
The person who actually did a lot for Jin
BUT WHAT ABOUT ME..?
KUDOU-CHAN, SEND TWO CARS OVER TO THE STUDIO
TODAY'S SHOOTING WITH J. LOVE WAS GREAT!
GET A SEPARATE ONE FOR CROSS
THEY HAVE ANOTHER SESSION TO FINISH
Thanks
IT'S SO DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE OTHER MAGIC SHOWS!
PLUS HE'S SO HANDSOME!

I STILL HAVE OTHER THINGS TO DO...
THAT'S OKAY, I'LL GO FIND HIM MYSELF
AT THE END OF THE CORRIDOR.
SO YOU'RE ALSO RECORDING FOR A TELEVISION BROADCAST HERE TODAY
OH I WISH I COULD WATCH YOU LIVE, IF IT HADN'T BEEN AT THE SAME TIME AS CROSS'S RECORDING SESSION.
It's such a shame.
CLICK
REIKO?
J!
THE ARRANGEMENT FOR MY TOKYO TOUR WITH JIN...
WELL WE'VE SCHEDULED IT AFTER MY JAPAN SHOW LAUNCH PARTY TOMORROW, BUT IF YOU CAME DURING THE LAUNCH, I WILL BE PERFORMING MAGIC LIVE THEN.
REALLY!? THEN WE'LL COME A LITTLE EARLIER THEN
I'm so happy!
Huh?
YES, YUU AND JIN ARE IN THE LOBBY AT THE END OF THIS CORRIDOR
REIKO
IF CROSS HAS A RECORDING SESSION, DOES THIS MEAN JIN IS HERE TOO?

It's CROSS they're so cute
Sigh
Snore
BUZZ
HMM?
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
OH, IT'S TIME
BUZZ

YUU!
WAKE UP,
HEY, IT'S TIME...
YUU!..
MM...
WAKE UP
HE LIKES YUU.
JIN...
BUT THEY AREN'T A COUPLE..?
SO BOTH OF THEM LIKE EACH OTHER,
AND YUU! ALSO LIKES JIN, RIGHT?
...

WHY IS THAT...?
BOSS!
HAVE YOU SEEN JIN?

HE SAID HE WANTED TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOW TO COMMEMORATE HIS FIRST PERFORMANCE IN JAPAN
Have you tried these? The food here is great!
JIN? I LENT HIM OUT TO J
WHAT!?
HI EVERYONE, SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR MEAL!
I'VE ALREADY INTRODUCED MYSELF AT THE BEGINNING BUT IT SEEMS LIKE JEAN HAS SOMETHING TO SAY TO EVERYONE WOULD EVERYONE HEAR HIM OUT?
OF COURSE
J, QUICKLY ASK YOUR CUTE LITTLE JEAN TO COME OUT
JEAN, COME HERE
HUH? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
IT SEEMS LIKE JEAN ALSO WANTS TO PERFORM A MAGIC FOR EVERYONE TO SEE
DO YOU NEED ANY HELP?

FL
AP
BUSTLING
OH!
EVERYONE, THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING SO SUPPORTIVE TO SUCH A SPOILED J,
I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HIM, PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP ON HIM
JEAN, HOW COULD YOU- CALLING ME SPOILED THE FIRST TIME YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH TO TALK

BECAUSE I'M THE ONE PERSON WHO KNOWS YOU BEST.
IS HE... HUMAN?
WHY DOES HE LOOK SO MUCH LIKE JEAN?
J! WHO ON EARTH IS THAT BEAUTY?
YOUR NEW ASSISTANT?
ASSIS-TANT!?
JIN IS MY...
Haha!
LOOKS LIKE JIN IS FAR MORE POPULAR THAT I AM
LET'S TAKE A PICTURE TOGETHER.
JEAN TOO.
HEY, J!!

YUU! WHAT DO YOU THINK? JEAN'S TRANSFORMATION ACT IS PRETTY AMAZING, EH?
HOW I WISH TO PERFORM THAT IN AMERICA TOO
YOU CAN ONLY BORROW JIN FOR TONIGHT!
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TAKING HIM OVERSEAS!!
J, CAN YOU PLEASE PERFORM SOME MAGIC TRICKS FOR MY DAUGHTERS?
SURE THING
YUU, YOU TOO
I...
I'LL TELL YOU THE SECRET TO THE MAGIC THAT I'M ABOUT TO PERFORM LATER, ALL RIGHT?
SO WE CAN ALSO TRY IT OURSELVES?
BUT... IF I MANAGE TO WIN JIN OVER,
HE'D PROBABLY GO WITH ME.

WE'LL SEE
YUU, YOU DO IT TOO!
FIRST, EVERYONE, PLEASE TAKE A DEEP BREATH
Fine
AMAZING!!
THEN SAY THE MAGIC WORDS
PUT BOTH HANDS LIKE THIS
UNBELIEV-ABLE!
WHAT IS IT? MAGIC?
It's very sweet!
THE LEMON ISN'T SOUR AT ALL!
AH, JIN, THIS IS AMAZING!
ONCE J SAID HE'D MAKE THE LEMONS SWEET, THEY REALLY BECAME SWEET...!!
HUH?
All rivalry feelings had disappeared.

IT'S JUST SIDE SHOW, TO SHOW OFF A LITTLE OF MY HYPNOTIZING SKILLS.
HUH!? SO THIS ISN'T MAGIC?
THAT'S RIGHT, THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL "HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION."
I'VE ONLY FOOLED YOUR SENSE OF TASTE THROUGH SUGGESTION.
THE FLAVOR OF THE LEMON DIDN'T CHANGE,
For those who weren't hypnotized, these are just normal lemons
WOW, I CAN EVEN PERFORM HYPNOSIS
MAYBE THE MAGIC TRICKS THE AUDIENCE SEES ARE ACTUALLY THE RESULTS FROM HYPNOTIZING,
WHEN IN TRUTH, NOTHING IS HAPPENING ON STAGE.
hahaha
IF THAT'S SO, HE CAN SAVE MONEY SINCE HE DOESN'T NEED TO SPEND ON STAGE SETTING.
WELL... SO THE SECRET YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT... WAS ONLY THIS?
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE A REAL MAGIC TRICK.
OH RIGHT.

HEY, YUU...
WHY DON'T YOU SHOW THESE LADIES THE MAGIC TRICK I TAUGHT YOU LAST TIME, AND TEACH IT TO THEM AS WELL?
HUH!?
ME?
SO YOU ALSO KNOW MAGIC?
I WOULD LOVE TO SEE IT.
PLEASE, SHOW US!
HUH. I...
I'M GOING TO TAKE A BREAK.
WHY...?
J, HEY...

AFTER SOME ALCOHOL,
THE ATMOSPHERE IS GETTING PRETTY WARMED UP.
HEY, JIN...
WHAT A NICE BREEZE.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME OVER TO MY HOTEL ROOM?
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL ROOM, YOU CAN SEE THE ENTIRE NIGHT SCENERY OF TOKYO FROM MY BATHROOM.
...
...J.

THIS WHOLE COURTING BUSINESS
CAN I ASK YOU TO GIVE IT UP?
IS IT BECAUSE JIN...
YOU LIKE YUU?
...
ISN'T THAT SO?
YUU ALSO SAID HE LIKES YOU,
SO WHY... AREN'T YOU GUYS LOVERS?
FINE, IF IT SUITS YOU

I UNDERSTAND, I WILL STOP MAKING ADVANCES, BUT IN RETURN...
CAN YOU FULFILL A REQUEST OF MINE?
FOR A FEW DAYS...
IT'S OKAY IF IT'S ONLY DURING MY TIME IN JAPAN,
CAN YOU BE MY LOVER FOR THIS PERIOD?
OR SHOULD I SAY, 'PRETEND' TO BE MY LOVER
I WANT YOU TO PRETEND I HAVE WON YOU OVER
RE-QUEST?
HUH
AFTER I RETURN TO MY COUNTRY, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO EXPOSE THE TRUTH...
BUT,
WHILE I'M STILL HERE,
IT WILL BE A SECRET BETWEEN YOU AND ME.
...

IT SHOULD BE OKAY IF I TELL YUU THE TRUTH LATER...
YUU KNOWS THAT I'M PRACTICALLY FORCED INTO ACCOMPANYING J...
AND IT'LL ONLY BE FOR A FEW DAYS
ALL RIGHT
REALLY? THANK YOU!
SO IT'S A DEAL! FROM NOW ON, YOU ARE MY LOVER
YEAH
YOU WERE MY FIRST LOVE FOR A VERY LONG TIME... CAN YOU AT LEAST GIVE ME SOME FOND MEMORIES TO REMEMBER IT BY ...?
SINCE YOU'RE NOT GOING OUT WITH ANYONE ANYWAY, THIS SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM, RIGHT?
NOW REMEMBER, JIN
YOU ARE AN ACTOR YOURSELF, SO YOU SHOULD PLAY YOUR PART WELL
YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DECEIVE EVERYONE AROUND US

I KNOW
THAT INCLUDES YUU...
YOU SAW ME USING HYPNOTIZING SKILLS JUST NOW, RIGHT?
YOU ALSO SAW HOW EASILY YUU FALLS UNDER MY HYPNOSIS
IF YUU FINDS OUT THIS IS ALL AN ACT BEFORE THE PERIOD ENDS,
THERE WILL BE A PENALTY
ACTUALLY,
I HAVE PUT ANOTHER SUGGESTION ON YUU JUST NOW
PEN-ALTY?

IF I GIVE A CERTAIN SIGNAL,
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A SOUND,
THAT'S THE SUGGESTION HE'S UNDER
WHAT .?
IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM IF HE SUDDENLY CAN'T SING. DON'T YOU THINK?
YOU.
YOU THINK I'M BLUFFING?

JUST FOR THE TIME WHEN I'M IN JAPAN WILL BE ENOUGH
PLEASE,
LOVE ME MORE THAN YOU LOVE YUU...

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IT'S OKAY IF IT'S ONLY DURING MY STAY IN JAPAN.
WOULD YOU BE MY LOVER FOR THIS PERIOD?
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME
flash
BUT,
JUST LIKE THE BOSS SAID, SOCIALIZING IS PART OF THE JOB.
NO I CAN'T LOOK LIKE THIS.
I HAVE TO MAKE EVERYONE BELIEVE
THAT I'VE ACCEPTED J'S FEELINGS
AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS
halt
IF I MAKE A CERTAIN SIGNAL HE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A SOUND.
HOW COULD HE USE YUU TO BLACKMAIL ME?!!

I NEED TO PLEASE J
IF I MAKE J UNHAPPY, WHO KNOWS WHAT HE'LL DO TO YUU.
No no no I can't get worked up
SINCE THERE WILL BE A LOT OF LIMITATIONS IF JIN IS TO TAKE J AROUND TOKYO PRIVATELY,
WE'VE MADE IT SO THAT THERE IS A TIE-IN WITH A TV PROGRAM.
J, I HOPE YOU CAN ACCEPT THESE CONDITIONS?
SURE
WHY IS JIN SITTING NEXT TO J!?
SO WE HAVE RE-ARRANGED OUR SCHEDULE,
IN 'YUU-JIN TIME', BASED ON J'S REQUESTS, WE WILL TRAVEL FROM TOKYO TO YOKOHAMA THEN STAY IN HAKONE FOR ONE NIGHT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP
NOT AT ALL! I AM SORRY ABOUT J AND ALL HIS PERSONAL REQUESTS
JIN~
WE HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TOMORROW, SO CAN I SLEEP AT YOUR PLACE...
JIN?
SINCE J WILL BE RETURNING TO AMERICA THE FOLLOWING DAY, IT MIGHT BE A BIT RUSHED...
THE FILMING WILL START ON THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW
I'M FINE WITH THAT, I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
VROOM
SLAM
JIN...!?
...

BO.. BOSS!
DID YOU TELL JIN TO ACCOMPANY J BACK TO THE HOTEL!?
HUH? NO, I DIDN'T.
WHAT...? DID YOU SAY JIN AND J, THEY...
...J,
I DON'T MIND GOING TO YOUR ROOM, BUT...
I UNDER-STAND
WE'RE ONLY PRETENDING TO BE LOVERS I WON'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU.
AND...
I ALSO WANT TO SEE THE OTHER SIDES OF YOU THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN
I JUST WANT TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE A BIT MORE,
AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU.

NEXT DAY
RE-CORD-ING STUDIO
IRRITATED
LOOKING AROUND
MORN-ING
GOOD MORNING
JIN ISN'T HERE YET...
JIN...
NO ONE ANSWERED THE PHONE WHEN I CALLED HIS HOME THIS MORNING
HIS CELL-PHONE'S ON VOICE-MESSAGE AS WELL
DON'T TELL ME YESTERDAY HE FOLLOWED J BACK TO THE HOTEL AND...?
BUSTLING
HEY! ISN'T THAT J. LOVE THE MAGICIAN?
JIN,
I WONDER... IF YOU'VE EVER LOST CONTROL... AND LET YOUR EMOTIONS RUN WILD?
HEY... JIN?

SQUEAL
WHY IS HE HERE WITH JIN FROM CROSS?
SQUEAL
I DON'T THINK HE'S ONE OF THE GUESTS TODAY
AH!
YUU! MORNING.
I'M SORRY, IT'S BECAUSE OF ME THAT JIN CAME IN LATE.
"BECAUSE OF YOU"...?
What do you mean by that?
DON'T WORRY.
WE'RE NOT THAT LATE.
Is that so?
CAN I WATCH YOUR SHOOTING SESSION AT THE STUDIO?
I'm free today.
YOU WANT TO COME ALONG?
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE PRODUCER.
AH... WAIT...?

JIN, WHAT'S GOING ON?
DID YOU SLEEP OVER AT J'S PLACE?
CROSS
YEAH.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY YEAH!
HIS SIGH JUST NOW...
JIN
JIN SEEMS... EVEN SEXIER THAN USUAL...
tha-thump
tha-thump

YUU,
I HOPE THAT FROM TODAY ONWARDS YOU WILL STOP TOUCHING JIN SO CASUALLY
J...
COUGH
DO I EVEN NEED TO TELL YOU WHY?
HUH? WHY
AH...
CROSS, IT'S YOUR TURN ON STAGE
JIN!?
I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
WHAT WAS THAT? WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT ...!?

Ah!
I GET IT, IT'S PART OF SOCIALIZING
JIN, THAT'S WHAT IT IS, RIGHT?
DON'T TELL ME...
YOU ACTUALLY GAVE IN TO J'S ADVANCES?
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE, RIGHT?
...JIN?
SORRY
HUH..?
CROSS... I'M COMING IN
SORRY... WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY THAT!?
...IS HE APOLOGIZING BECAUSE HE'S WITH J NOW?
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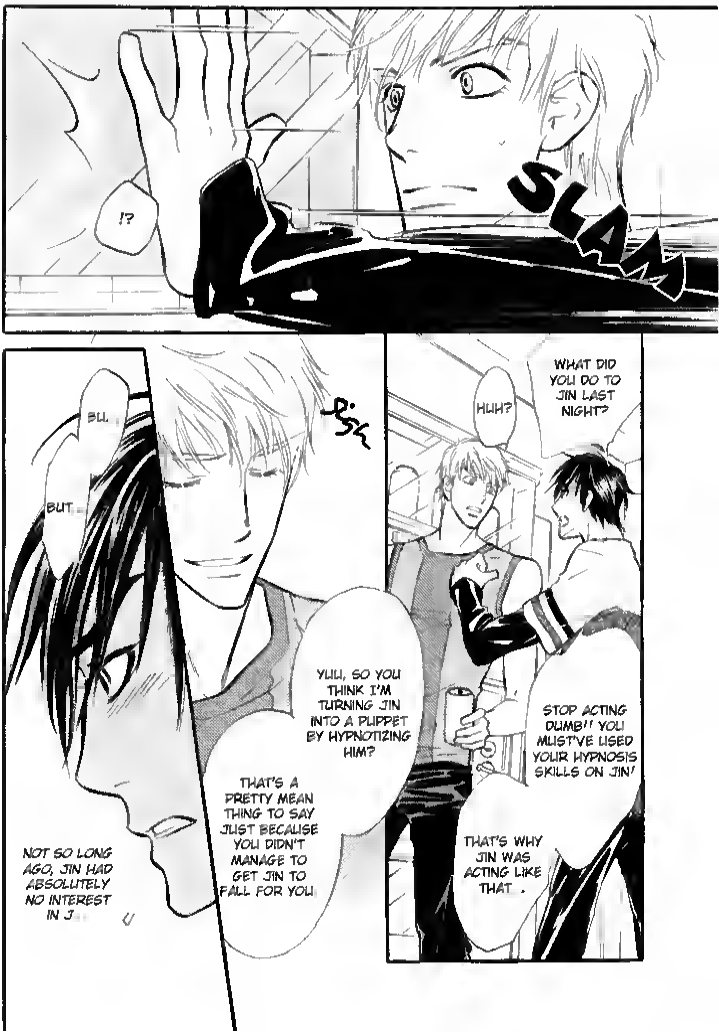
Became a special guest in the end
Special guest,
Mr. J. LOVE!
HOW COULD THIS BE...
SO,
HE'S SORRY BECAUSE HE CAN'T RETURN MY FEELINGS
IS THAT WHAT'S GOING ON?
HOW COULD THIS BE POSSIBLE!!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!?
WHAT DID YOU DO TO JIN LAST NIGHT?
HUH?
STOP ACTING DUMB!! YOU MUST'VE USED YOUR HYPNOSIS SKILLS ON JIN!
THAT'S WHY JIN WAS ACTING LIKE THAT.
YUU, SO YOU THINK I'M TURNING JIN INTO A PUPPET BY HYPNOTIZING HIM?
THAT'S A PRETTY MEAN THING TO SAY JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T MANAGE TO GET JIN TO FALL FOR YOU.
BUT...
BU...
NOT SO LONG AGO, JIN HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN J...

IT ONLY MAKES YOU FEEL MORE EMPTY HOLDING ONTO A PUPPET.
I KNOW THIS FEELING BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE
JIN,
IS NOW MINE.
JIN, I WANT TO GO TO YOUR PLACE TONIGHT
OKAY

BYE EVERY-ONE.
Thanks for all your work.
HUH...
Uhm
DID YOU SEE JIN'S FACE? IS THAT REALLY JUST A SOCIAL SMILE?
CAN I STAY OVER THEN?
OF COURSE.
IF HE COULD ONLY SMILE LIKE THAT AT WORK TOO... DON'T YOU THINK?
...
YUU,
PLEASE BEAR WITH THIS FOR NOW...
JIN.

RIGHT NOW HE'S PROBABLY...
Argh-!
EVEN IF I'M REJECTED, I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE JIN HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH SU...
THOUGH IT'S TRUE THAT YOU CAN NEVER KNOW HOW ONE'S FEELINGS MAY CHANGE...
SORRY
THAT...
DOES THAT REALLY MEAN I'M REJECTED?
HOW COULD IT BE...!

AFTER OUR SHOOT AT ROPPONGI, YOU'LL DRIVE A CONVERTIBLE AND
ABOUT TODAY'S TAPING,
IN THE FIRST PLACE, I MIGHT NOT EVEN BE THE TYPE THAT JIN LIKES.
SO NOW...
THAT'S RIGHT, I...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TYPE OF PERSON JIN USED TO GO OUT WITH.
SO I DON'T EVEN KNOW,
WHAT TYPE OF PERSON JIN LIKES.

ALL I CAN DO IS ACCEPT THIS...?
I SHOULD JUST... GIVE UP
IT'S LESS PAINFUL THIS WAY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
J IS VERY HANDSOME AND WEALTHY
MOST IMPORTANTLY HE REALLY LOVES JIN AFTER ALL THIS TIME
And that's even before Jin met me.
IF THIS GUY CAN MAKE JIN SO HAPPY...

I CAN'T LOOK LIKE THIS.
JIN WILL ONLY GET WORRIED IF I'M LIKE THIS
J!
YOU BROUGHT A VIDEO CAMERA WITH YOU, RIGHT?
LEND IT TO ME I'LL HELP FILM YOU GUYS
REALLY? THANK YOU, YUU!
ACTION!

I KNOW THE CAMERA'S STILL ROLLING, BUT THE WAY HE'S BEHAVING...?
DID HE REALIZE THAT IT'S ALL AN ACT?
YUU...
HOW ABOUT I DRIVE, AND YOU TWO SIT AT THE BACK? OR JIN CAN DRIVE AND J CAN SIT ON THE PASSENGER SEAT...
WHO'S GONNA BE DRIVING?
ONCE J GOES BACK YOU CAN'T SEE HIM SO OFTEN ANYMORE, RIGHT?
SO YOU NEED TO GRAB EVERY CHANCE
IF JIN IS HAPPY, I'LL BE HAPPY TOO

whisper
JIN...
YUU'S SUDDENLY BEING VERY COOPERATIVE... DID HE...
WELL THEN, I'M DRIVING
AND JIN CAN BE THE TOUR GUIDE
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING,
AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YUU HAS REALIZED ANYTHING EITHER
Really?
SO WHEN YUU SAID HE LIKED YOU,
HE WASN'T BEING VERY SERIOUS AFTER ALL...
!!
YUU... COULD IT BE...

WHEN I SAID 'SORRY,' HE THOUGHT THAT I'D REJECTED HIM...?
SO LIKE EVERY OTHER TIME, HE JUST GETS OVER IT AFTER A NIGHT'S SLEEP.
DOES HE NOT CARE ABOUT ME ANYMORE!?
YUU, JIN, I HAD A GREAT TIME TODAY!
IF THE TWO OF YOU EVER VISIT AMERICA, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO BE YOUR GUIDE...
HOW COULD THIS BE...
HE SAID SO HIMSELF, THAT HE'S SERIOUS FOR REAL THIS TIME ...RIGHT?
THAT'D BE GREAT! J, YOU LIVE IN A HUGE MANSION, RIGHT?
I WANT TO GO THERE!
YOU'RE MOST WELCOME TO...
YUU...!

HERE J! DRINK UP
I'LL CALL FOR MORE SAKE
OH, THERE'S NO MORE SAKE
I LIKE JAPANESE SAKE! This tastes great
ANOTHER BOTTLE PLEASE,
I'D ALSO LIKE A BEER
WAIT YUU, DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH Once you're drunk there's no stopping you
HUH? WHAT HAPPENS IF HE'S DRUNK?
HE'LL BECOME A HUGGING MONSTER. HE'LL GO AROUND WANTING OTHERS TO PAMPER HIM
REALLY— THEN WHAT ABOUT JIN?
JIN CAN REALLY HOLD HIS LIQUOR HE DOESN'T CHANGE MUCH, IT'S VERY BORING
I'M SO SORRY THAT I'M SO BORING.
Uh...
NOT THAT IT'S A BAD THING—
Ha-Mah

MAYBE THIS IS ALSO A 'J EFFECT'
PISSED
STARE
WHAT WHAT THE?
COULD IT BE THAT HE'S ACTUALLY A BIT DRUNK! ..?
Swabbb
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN JIN LIKE THIS
The atmos- phere is very strange.
Huh ?
CHECKING OK,
WE'LL STOP HERE TODAY.
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK EVERYONE!
SEE YOU TOMOR- ROW.
GOOD- NIGHT.

BEAUT-IFUL...
SIGH
YEAH
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE GARDEN,
BUT YOU, JIN. . YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL
COMING TO JAPAN... SEEING YOU AGAIN,
AND EVEN SPENDING TIME WITH YOU LIKE THIS
THIS IS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE

JIN...
YUU IS COMING
HE WON'T.
HUH ...?
YUU, I NEED YOUR HELP WITH SOMETHING.
WHAT IS IT?
I HEARD FROM THE WAITRESS THAT THERE'RE STILL FREE ROOMS, SO I'VE BOOKED ONE
THAT J...
HE REALLY HAD EVERYTHING PLANNED

ROLL
TONIGHT
CAN YOU LET JIN AND I BE ALONE TOGETHER?
WELL... I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'D WANT TO BE ALONE TOGETHER.
IT PISSES ME OFF TO JUST LET IT HAPPEN WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING, SO I TRIED TO GET J DRUNK...
But who knew he'd be such a strong drinker...
J!
STOP IT!
JIN,
YUU REALLY HAS ALREADY GIVEN UP ON YOU, AM I RIGHT?
IF HE HADN'T...
THAT'S...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. BUT I CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN.
MY FEELINGS FOR YOU WILL NEVER CHANGE,
JIN
YUU

I SWEAR THAT I'LL CHERISH YOU FOREVER
SO PLEASE...
AS LONG AS JIN IS HAPPY,
BUT,
FLINCH
PERSONALLY
AS HIS PARTNER, OF COURSE I SHOULD SUPPORT HIM
NN...
I CAN'T LET IT HAPPEN!!
I'M GOING TO INTERRUPT THEM!!
STUP
Damn it!!

OPEN
THAT'S REALLY CARELESS OF THEM
I'M COMING IN...
HUH...?
It's open
...!
I'LL STOP THEM,
WHILE I STILL CAN!!
Sfx Slam
!?
JIN
COUGH
Unsteady
JI-

DON'T TOUCH ME...!
YUU, THAT BASTARD...
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT HIM ANYMORE!!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT YUU'S FEELINGS CHANGED!
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT! IT'S BECAUSE YOU MADE ME PRETEND TO BE YOUR LOVER!
Eh?!
PRETEND!? SO IT WAS ALL AN ACT?
THEN YOU SHOULD THANK ME. NOW YOU KNOW YUU ISN'T SERIOUS ABOUT YOU!!
WHAT?!

WHAT
BUT IT'S TRUE, RIGHT? EVEN THOUGH YOU LOVE YUU, YOU DIDN'T ACCEPT HIS ADVANCES,
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU SUSPECT HIS TRUE FEELINGS TOO, DON'T YOU?
I'M NOT SUSPICIOUS
THAT'S RIGHT!
SO IN THE END, YUU ISN'T SERIOUS ABOUT YOU. ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU'LL STILL LOVE HIM EVEN IF THAT'S THE CASE?
I DON'T CARE! I DON'T CARE HOW YUU TRULY FEELS,
BECAUSE MY LOVE FOR HIM HAS BEEN ONE-SIDED ALL THIS TIME

SLAM
I LOVE YOU!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY 'I'M NOT SERIOUS'!?
WHEN DID IT TURN OUT THIS WAY!?
YUU!?
HUH
SO YOU HEARD EVERY-THING?
YEAH
SO NOTHING HAS CHANGED AT ALL!
EVEN IF YUU DOESN'T LOVE ME...

PISSED
SERI-OUS?
SO WHY...
JIN... I'M SERIOUS ABOUT YOU. I REALLY MEAN IT.
THEN WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME HERE ALONE WITH J LIKE THIS!?
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!
IN THE END, I DIDN'T WANT YOU TWO TO BE ALONE, SO I CAME HERE TO STOP YOU!!
...!
...
JIN.

IS IT TRUE?
Hush
CAN I HEAR IT FROM YOU AGAIN?
TURN
YOU CAN'T
JIN, SO YOU ACTUALLY LIKE ME...
I ALREADY SAID YOU CAN'T!!
I KNEW FROM THE START IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS
Ah, well...
BUT STILL...
WHEN IT SEEMED LIKE YUU WASN'T VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP,
I THOUGHT I MIGHT STAND A SMALL CHANCE...

I WAS A LITTLE HOPEFUL, EVEN JUST FOR A SHORT WHILE
JI-
GLARE
JIN~
LOOK OVER HERE
TURN
SHUT UP, DON'T TOUCH ME!
Get the hell out!
Both of you...
HUH?
BOTH OF US?!
SLAM

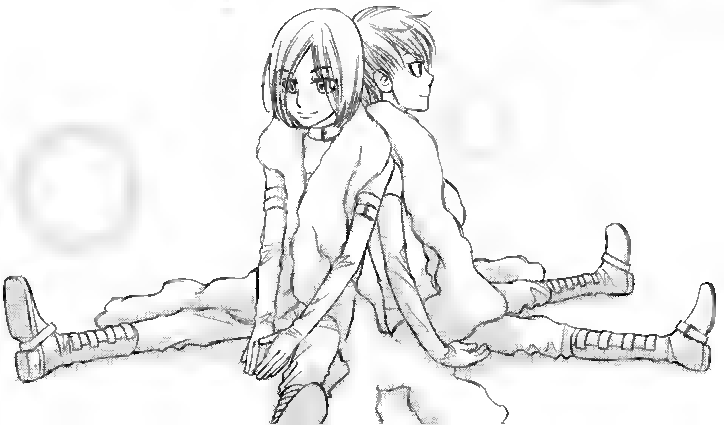
NEXT DAY,
NARITA AIRPORT
THANKS FOR SEEING ME OFF EVERYONE
ZOOM
OH!
TAKE CARE, J!
You're going back so soon

YUU
EVEN IF YOU GUYS FINALLY GOT TOGETHER,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK SO HAPPY IN FRONT OF ME...
What did you say?!
NO WAY!
NO, I'M NOT PARTICULARLY HAPPY AT ALL.
I have my own images to think about.
JIN~
Ugh
Hurt
J
...
I was drunk that day. I don't hold Japanese sake very well
ER... I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO RUDE.
Like kissing you.
Blush
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I DON'T GET TO SEE YOU ACTING LIKE THAT EVERYDAY ANYWAY
Don't lucky
I'M REALLY GLAD TO HAVE MET YOU AGAIN,
I WILL ALWAYS WISH FOR YOUR HAPPINESS

TURN
HUH
Actually?
OH, REIKO!
ABOUT THE MAGIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE...
JI BEFORE YOU GO, REMEMBER TO GET RID OF THE HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION YOU PUT ON YUU.
AH!
OH THAT,
IT'S A VERY MINOR HYPNOSIS, IT'LL DISAPPEAR ITSELF IN TWO TO THREE DAYS
Reiko Shimizu
WELL THEN, EVERYONE,
ha ha ha
IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO LEARN FROM THE START...
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, I UNDERSTAND. I WASN'T EXPECTING TOO MUCH FROM THE BEGINNING ANYWAY
BUT IF IT WAS PERFORMED BY ME, THEN THERE'D BE NO PROBLEM
HUH...
What?
HOW ABOUT THIS? IF YOU LET ME JOIN CROSS ON THEIR CONCERT TOUR?
I'LL COMBINE IT WITH MY OWN TOUR AND CUSTOMIZE SOME MAGIC TRICKS FOR JIN AND YUU
...!!
I'LL SEE YOU SOME OTHER DAY

J LOVE'S RETURN TO JAPAN,

IS A STORY FOR ANOTHER TIME



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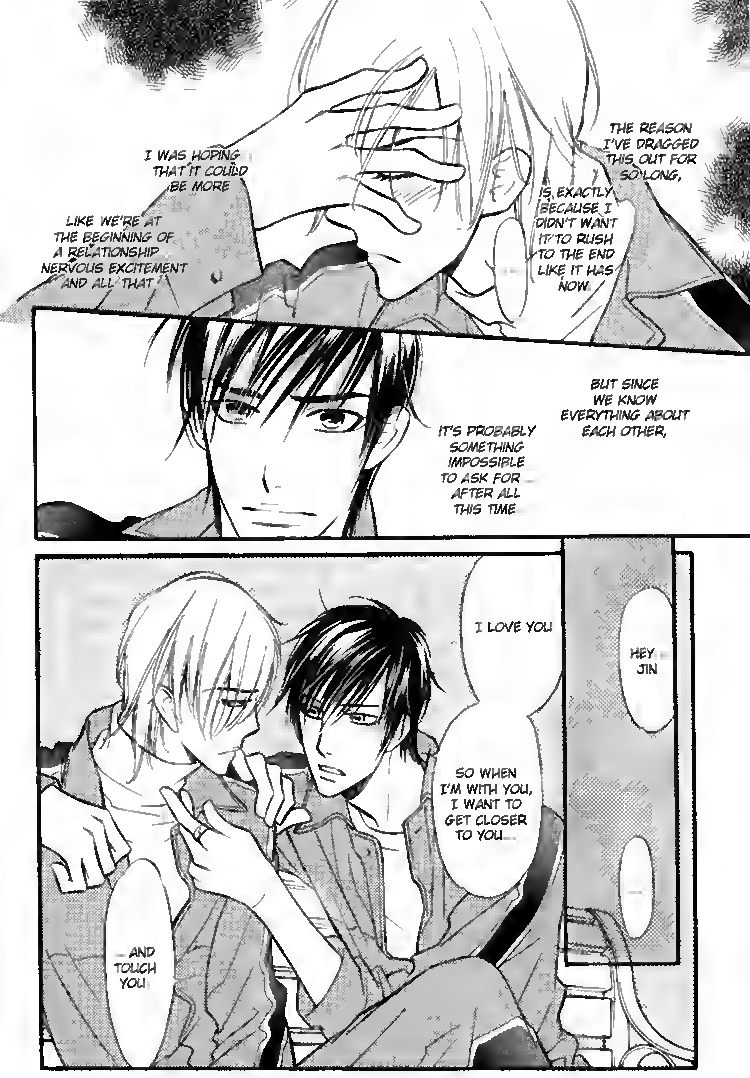
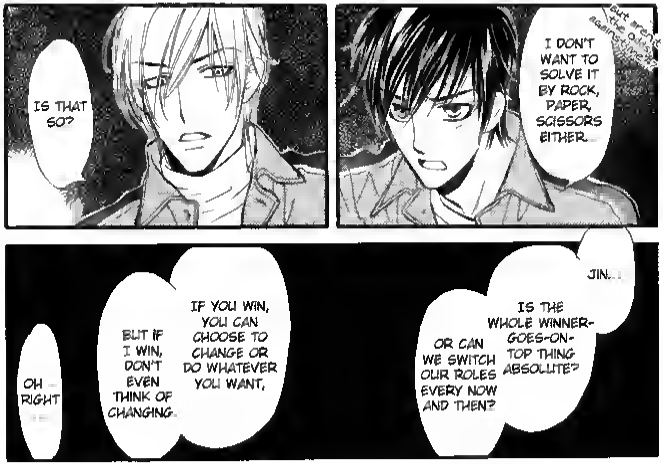
EVEN THOUGH WE LOVE EACH OTHER, WE'RE NOT LOVERS!?
THIS IS NOT THE PLACE TO TALK ABOUT THESE THINGS.
WHY IS THAT SO!?
Preparing
SO WHERE CAN WE GO TO TALK ABOUT THIS THEN?
BUT!
WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY LATELY WE DON'T HAVE ANY PERSONAL TIME AT ALL!
Rushing

WE LOVE EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
SO WE'RE LOVERS THEN?
WHEN DID I SAY I LOVE YOU?
YOU DID!
Last time at the hotel!
I WAS SAYING IT TO J,
NOT TO YOU.
WELL, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? NO MATTER WHO YOU SAID IT TO, IT MEANS THE SAME THING...
BESIDES, I WAS DRUNK THAT DAY...
THAT DOESN'T COUNT.
What?!
THIS WHOLE THING IS SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL...
THIS...


I WAS HOPING THAT IT COULD BE MORE LIKE WE'RE AT THE BEGINNING OF A RELATIONSHIP NERVOUS EXCITEMENT AND ALL THAT
THE REASON I'VE DRAGGED THIS OUT FOR SO LONG, IS, EXACTLY BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT IT TO RUSH TO THE END LIKE IT HAS NOW.
BUT SINCE WE KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT EACH OTHER,
IT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE TO ASK FOR AFTER ALL THIS TIME
HEY JIN
I LOVE YOU
SO WHEN I'M WITH YOU, I WANT TO GET CLOSER TO YOU...
...AND TOUCH YOU

I LOVE YOU TOO
I HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO BECOMING A COUPLE
FINE
YUU, YOU'RE RIGHT
JIN. ♡
BUT YUU,
I WANT TO CONFIRM ONE THING FIRST..
DO YOU
WHAT?
WANT TO BE THE 'TOP'?
OR THE 'BOTTOM'?
ISN'T IT.
THE SAME FOR YOU —?

WE BOTH WANT THE SAME POSITION
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I THINK... A "TOP"?
Me too.
HUH...?
WHAT TO DO...
ERR...
HUH?
I'VE GOT IT! HOW ABOUT THIS?
LET'S HAVE A CONTEST TO SEE WHO CAN'T CONTROL THEIR DESIRE
THE FIRST TO GIVE UP AND MAKE THE FIRST MOVE LOSES
AND THE WINNER GETS TO BE ON TOP
Ehh...?
DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT? THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO INSTEAD?
SHOULD WE DECIDE BY A GAME OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS?
What on earth is that?
I don't get it


IS THAT SO?
I DON'T WANT TO SOLVE IT BY ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS EITHER...
JIN...
IS THE WHOLE WINNER-GOES-ON-TOP THING ABSOLUTE?
OR CAN WE SWITCH OUR ROLES EVERY NOW AND THEN?
IF YOU WIN, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO CHANGE OR DO WHATEVER YOU WANT,
BUT IF I WIN, DON'T EVEN THINK OF CHANGING.
OH RIGHT...

SO...
IT'S A DEAL...
JIN...

snicker
I... I won't fall into your trap!
WAAAH!
The odds are definitely against me.
OK.
JIN, YOU'RE NEXT.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A "TOP"?
OR A BOTTOM"?
drip
AH, I'M SO TIRED.
I'M GONNA TAKE A BATH.

If I win, the world is my oyster!
I...
I MUST WORK HARD!
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE AN ISSUE...
Hmm
NOT THAT I'M ENTIRELY AGAINST BEING A 'BOTTOM', BUT...
ANYWAY, THE IMPORTANT THING IS...
BASICALLY, IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JIN, HE IS ALWAYS THE ONE IN CONTROL
SO IF I WIN THIS TIME I CAN ASK JIN TO DO ANYTHING...
JIN-KUN
IS HERE!
CROSS 様
THANK GOD WE'RE ON TIME!
The hubbub was really bad.

MORNING, JIN
MORNING
JIN, HERE'S TODAY'S CLOTHES
IS THERE TIME FOR A SHOWER?
YEAH, YOU HAVE ABOUT TEN MINUTES
I'LL GO TAKE ONE NOW
SEDUCE
THIS IS MY CHANCE
IN THIS GAME,
ATTACK = SEDUCE, RIGHT?
WHAT KIND OF SEDUCTION TECHNIQUE WORKS?
Chuatte
What are you doing?
HEY YUU,
MIND GETTING MY TOWEL FOR ME?
AH, OK

HERE YOU GO
OPEN
THANKS
YEAH
WHAT'S WRONG? IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE SEEN ME NAKED
PANT
PANT
RING
OH
RING
JIN--
YOUR PHONE IS RINGING
WHO'S CALLING?
HMM...? THERE'S ONLY A NUMBER DISPLAYED, WITHOUT A NAME
ANSWER IT FOR ME

HELLO, THIS IS TATEWAKI JIN'S CELL PHONE.
AH? YES. HE'S HERE
WHO IS THIS?
JIN,
IT'S A PERSON CALLED YOSHITOMO. Do you know him?
!?
OPEN
BEEP
WHO WAS IT?
OH, HE'S JUST SOME-ONE I KNOW.
step
step
IT'S ME WHERE DID YOU GET MY NUMBER
NO I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU
I'M HANG-ING UP.

JIN-KUN DON'T WALK OUT OF THE SHOWER THIS WET~~
SORRY
snap
OK GOOD..
JUST LIKE THAT TRY LICK THE ICE-CREAM TOGETHER ...
JUN-SAN, THE ICE-CREAM IS MELTING REALLY BADLY FROM THE HEAT OF THE LIGHTS
snap
black out
Wah!
I'M SORRY
I DIDN'T ASK YOU GUYS TO SWITCH OFF ALL THE LIGHTS!!
IT'S DANGEROUS EVERYONE STAY STILL
THEN CHANGE THE ICE-CREAM.
AND ALSO CHANGE THE LIGHT TO FACE THAT WAY.
OK.

Happy birthday!
Happy birthday, Jin-kun.
BANG
BANG
Happy Birth
Light
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR JIN-KUN!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
WOW THAT SCARED ME
THANKS
ALTHOUGH TECHNICALLY IT'S TOMORROW.
SINCE WE'RE CELEBRATING, LET ME ANNOUNCE SOME GOOD NEWS,
YUU WILL BE PLAYING HIS FIRST LEAD ROLE IN A MOVIE!
HUH?

Wow! That's great, Yuu!
IT'S DIRECTOR NARUSAWA'S NEW WORK. AN OFFICIAL OFFER CAME YESTERDAY.
And of course I'll take it!
A MOVIE! THAT SOUNDS GREAT, YUU!
YEAH.
I'm really surprised.
YUU-KUN, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, TOO!
Here!
TO THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR BELOVED JIN,
SO YUU, MAKE A TOAST.
ALL RIGHT
AND TO CROSS'S FUTURE,
Cheers!

I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW THEN
YEAH, GOOD-NIGHT
YOU NEED HELP TAKING THESE TO YOUR ROOM?
I'M OKAY
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T BRING YOUR PRESENT
I WAS ONLY TOLD ABOUT YOUR SURPRISE CELEBRATION WHEN I STEPPED INTO THE FILMING STUDIO TODAY
IT'S ALL RIGHT
SURE
MISTER, I'LL GET OUT AT THE NEXT TRAFFIC LIGHT
ACT AS IF I'M HEADING HOME
THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME, TO SHOW SOME ROMANCE
I'VE ACTUALLY PREPARED MY GIFT
ALRIGHT, THE DATE HAS JUST CHANGED

LET GO...!
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOSHITOMO ...
CAN YOU LEAVE ME ALONE ALREADY?
STOP BOTHERING ME!
JIN!
SHIT, HURRY UP!
YUU...
JIN...?
SLAM
JIN!
VROOM
JIN!!

Pant
JIN...
Pant
Pant
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOSHITOMO!
THE GUY WHO CALLED JIN'S CELL PHONE...
YOSHITOMO
HE'S THE ONE WHO..!?
RING
AH..
JIN?
ARE YOU OKAY!?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'DON'T WORRY' —ARE YOU SURE?
OKAY
I GET IT
HE SAID HE'S FINE AND THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT THAT I SHOULD GO HOME!!
Beat...

REIKO-SAN
I SHOULD CALL REIKO-SAN
beep
beep
WHAT IF... HE WAS FORCED TO SAY THAT...!?
WHA
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HUH...?
JIN'S FATHER IS STILL ALIVE!?
HEY, I STILL THINK IT'S BETTER TO CALL THE POLICE.
YUU, CALM DOWN. I JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM JIN AS WELL
IF HE'S WITH YOSHITOMO, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT JIN'S SAFETY...
REALLY!?
ANYWAY WHO THE HELL IS THIS YOSHI-TOMO!?
HE'S JIN'S... FATHER.
HUH!?
WHEN HIS MOTHER PASSED AWAY, HE TOLD ME THAT 'NOW I'M JUST LIKE YOU'...
SO I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT HIS PARENTS HAD BOTH PASSED AWAY.
JIN MIGHT MEAN WHAT HE SAID,
BUT IN TRUTH, HIS FATHER IS STILL ALIVE, AND HE ALSO HAS AN OLDER BROTHER.

SINCE THINGS HAVE COME DOWN TO THIS, I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH...
YUU, YOU MUST HAVE HEARD OF THE YOSHITOMO GROUP BEFORE, RIGHT?
THE COMPANY THAT OWNS MANY HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS...
YOSHITOMO... SO HE'S THAT YOSHITOMO...?
THAT'S RIGHT. JIN'S FATHER IS IN THE YOSHITOMO FAMILY...
AND JIN'S MOTHER IS YOSHITOMO'S MISTRESS...
JIN IS HIS ILLEGITIMATE CHILD...
BACK THEN YOSHITOMO REALLY SUPPORTED JIN AND HIS MOTHER A LOT FINANCIALLY...
ESPECIALLY JIN. HE HAD JIN RECEIVE THE SAME EDUCATION AS HIS WIFE'S SON...
IT WAS ALSO HIS IDEA TO SEND JIN TO STUDY ABROAD...
BUT... JIN HATES HIS FATHER...

ALTHOUGH JIN HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO CUT ALL TIES WITH HIS FATHER,
HE WAS UNABLE TO SUPPORT HIS MOTHER PROPERLY HE WAS REALLY TROUBLED
SO I TOLD JIN. .
SQUEAK
THAT I WOULD HELP HIM MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO SUPPORT HIS MOTHER.
THAT'S WHY HE ACCEPTED MY OFFER, AND JOINED THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
IN THE END, WITHIN A YEAR AFTER HE DEBUTED, HIS MOTHER PASSED AWAY.
I THOUGHT HE HAD ALREADY CUT OFF ALL TIES TO YOSHITOMO.
SO WHY'S JIN, AFTER ALL THIS TIME. .!
...
IF
IF IT COMES TO A STAGE WHERE CROSS HAS TO BE DISBANDED,
WILL YOU STILL STAY, EVEN IF YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, YUU?

WHAT...
SLAM
IF YOSHITOMO WANTS TO SEE JIN, IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...
HE WANTS JIN TO JOIN HIS GROUP AND BE HIS SUCCESSOR...!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT!?
ARE YOU SAYING JIN ISN'T COMING BACK!?
SINCE HE'S GONE SO FAR AS TO FORCIBLY KIDNAP JIN,
IT MEANS YOSHITOMO IS SERIOUS THIS TIME...
THINGS ARE JUST GETTING WORSE!!
TELL ME, WHERE DOES JIN'S FATHER LIVE!!?
REIKO-SAN!
AND YOU SAID THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

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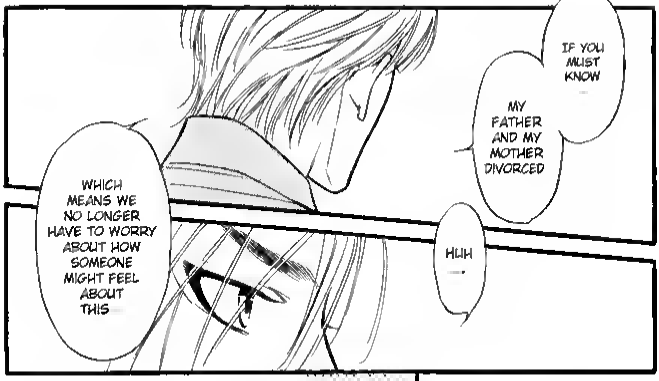
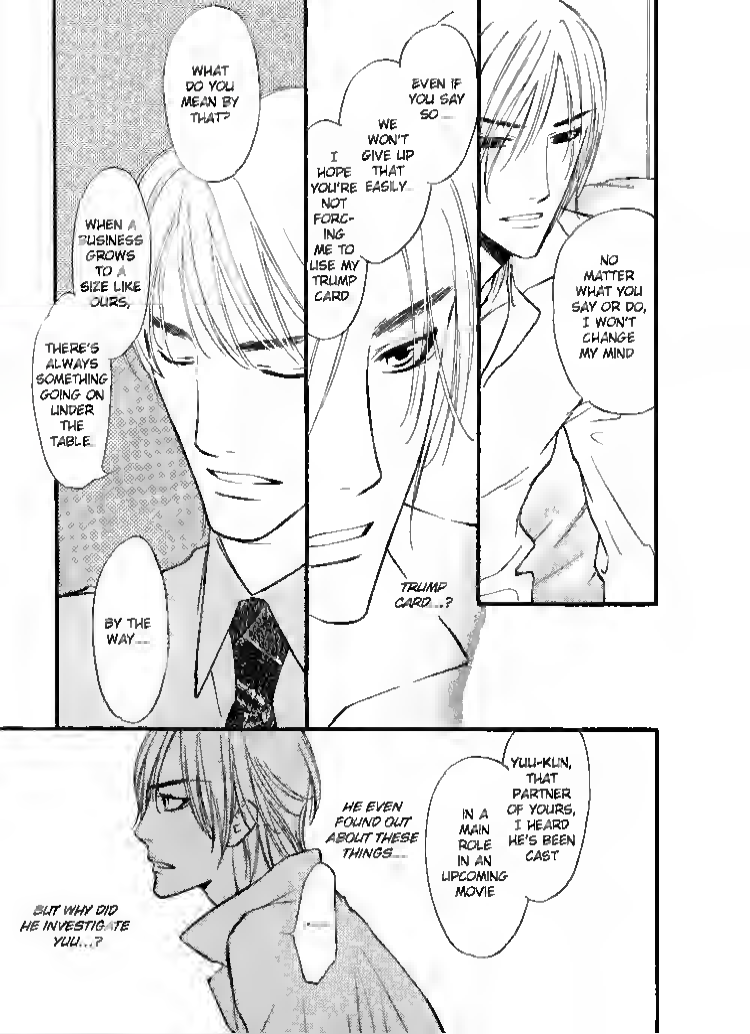
YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME...
THIS IS CONSIDERED KIDNAPPING.
DON'T PUT IT THAT WAY.
I JUST WANT TO HAVE A GOOD CHAT WITH YOU.
IF YOU'RE ASKING ME TO QUIT MY JOB TO WORK FOR YOSHITOMO THE ANSWER IS NO
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME TRYING TO TALK ME INTO IT
CUTTING TO THE CHASE ALREADY...?
BUT ISN'T THIS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET LIKE THIS?
WE SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER, FIRST...

I HAVE NEITHER FATHER A NOR BROTHERS
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DISLIKE IT, THIS FACT WILL NEVER CHANGE
THEY SAY BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER.
DON'T TELL ME YOU WANT ME TO CALL YOU "BRO-THER"?
JIN.
EVEN IF THAT'S SO ..
THEN WHY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.. ?
SINCE I THOUGHT WE'D ALREADY CUT TIES A LONG TIME AGO.


IF YOU MUST KNOW
MY FATHER AND MY MOTHER DIVORCED
HUH
WHICH MEANS WE NO LONGER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HOW SOMEONE MIGHT FEEL ABOUT THIS

THAT'S BECAUSE IT IS ALSO MY WISH FOR YOU TO JOIN YOSHITOMO
THAT'S ENOUGH I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

THAT'S HOW IT IS,
AND IN ORDER TO EXPAND OUR BUSINESS,
WE NEED SOMEONE WHO IS BLOOD-RELATED TO JOIN
OH, AND ALSO
IF YOU'RE WONDERING WHY I AM THE ONE INFORMING YOU OF SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER, INSTEAD OF FATHER...


NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY OR DO, I WON'T CHANGE MY MIND
EVEN IF YOU SAY SO...
WE WON'T GIVE UP THAT EASILY...
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT FORCING ME TO USE MY TRUMP CARD
TRUMP CARD...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
WHEN A BUSINESS GROWS TO A SIZE LIKE OURS,
THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON UNDER THE TABLE.
BY THE WAY...
YUU-KUN, THAT PARTNER OF YOURS, I HEARD HE'S BEEN CAST IN A MAIN ROLE IN AN UPCOMING MOVIE
HE EVEN FOUND OUT ABOUT THESE THINGS...
BUT WHY DID HE INVESTIGATE YUU...?

JIN~~~~~!
YOU ARE INSIDE, RIGHT!?
JIN!
WHERE ARE YOU?
PLEASE LEAVE
THE MASTER DOES NOT WISH TO MEET WITH ANY GUESTS TONIGHT
I guess I have no choice
BRING HIM IN
YUU...
JIN——!
JIN——!
YOU.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YUU...!
IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU
WHAT I'M SAYING IS,
HE'D BETTER BE CAREFUL NOT TO "ACCIDENTALLY" GET HURT WHEN FILMING THE MOVIE.

...YUU
JIN. .
GOOD EVENING I'M SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOU SO LATE
THIS PERSON IS JIN'S OLDER BROTHER...
I'VE
I'VE COME FOR JIN
PLEASED TO MEET YOU I'M JIN'S OLDER BROTHER, YOSHIKAZU
WAKU YUU-SAN I'VE OFTEN SEEN YOU ON TV
I SEE BUT I HAVEN'T FINISHED TALKING TO HIM YET.
IT'S FAMILY MATTERS
SO YUU-KUN, COULD I ASK TO YOU LEAVE US FOR TODAY?

WELL
IF YOU'RE ASKING JIN TO LEAVE THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
THEN IT'S MY BUSINESS, TOO
YOU'RE RIGHT
WE WERE INDEED TALKING ABOUT THAT
I KNEW IT
JIN
I'VE HEARD MOST OF IT FROM REIKO
...
I SEE
IN THAT CASE, LET'S GET THIS OVER AND DONE WITH QUICKLY
SO WHAT WILL IT BE, JIN? HAVE YOU DECIDED?

..!
JIN...?
WHY WON'T YOU JUST SAY THAT YOU DON'T PLAN TO QUIT?
AH..!
THAT'S RIGHT... JIN JOINED THIS INDUSTRY TO SUPPORT HIS MOTHER...
AND NOT BECAUSE HE LIKES THIS JOB
COULD IT BE THAT...
JIN...
ARE YOU THINKING OF QUITTING?
HN
HUH..?
IT'S FINE, IF YOU WANT TO QUIT
JIN... DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE
YUU...?

IT'S ALRIGHT, EVEN IF I QUIT...?
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT SO SIMPLY...
YOU!
ARE YOU SAYING IT DOESN'T MATTER, EVEN IF I LEAVE CROSS?
TO THINK THAT YOU ALWAYS TELL ME TO CHERISH OUR FANS, AND NOW YOU CAN JUST TELL ME TO QUIT SO EASILY!
OH, RIGHT. I SEE. EVEN WITHOUT CROSS,
YOU'D STILL BE FINE WORKING ALONE
I... I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE THIS?!
BUT...
OF COURSE I FEEL SORRY FOR OUR FANS,
BUT JIN'S FEELINGS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO ME!
I'M ONLY THINKING OF YOUR WELL-BEING
HEY
FOR ME? HMPH, THEN I'LL HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR THAT.
I TOLD YOU IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!

THEN WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
EVEN IF CROSS DISBANDED, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO BREAK UP, RIGHT?
SO I...
THIS IS LIKE A LOVER'S QUARREL
DAD
...!

...

YUU-KUN
IF YOU DISBANDED, YOU WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH A LOT OF LOSS,
BUT EVEN SO YOU ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT FOR THE SAKE OF JIN
NOW I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE FOR JIN
NO MATTER WHAT YUU THINKS, I..
JIN...
I'M SORRY FOR THREATENING YOU LIKE THAT..
HUH...?
YEAH... WE ACTUALLY AREN'T PLANNING TO DO ANYTHING BAD...
SIGH
WHEN WE TRY TO CALL YOU, YOU ALWAYS HANG UP IMMEDIATELY,
AND YOU NEVER RESPOND WHEN WE INVITE YOU OVER. SO THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE COULD DO BUT...
SO, WELL... I GUESS YOU CAN SAY WE TRIED A CARROT AND STICK TACTIC...
...?
SO IF WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE WAS THE STICK...
WHAT WOULD THE CARROT BE?

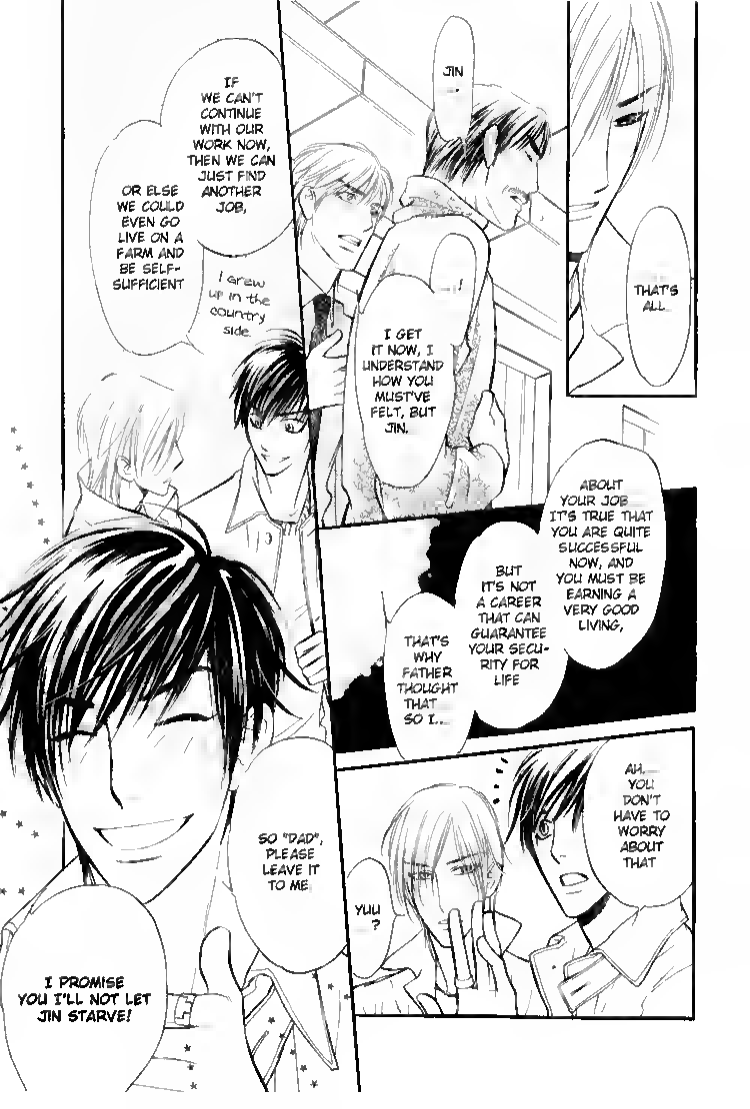
YEAH! FOR EXAMPLE WE CAN TRY ASKING YUU-KUN TO JOIN YOSHITOMO TOO
HOW ABOUT THAT? DAD?
OH YES, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA!
HUH..!?
JIN
I ONLY WANT YOU BACK BY MY SIDE
NO MATTER WHAT YOU THINK OF ME...
I'VE LOVED YOU SINCE YOU WERE BORN
THE SAME WAY I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOSHIKAZU.

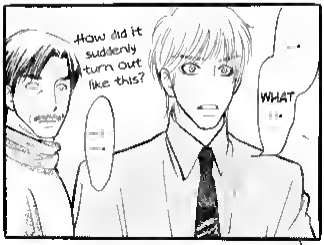
JIN
I...
ACTU-
ALLY,
I'VE
KEPT A
SECRET
FROM YOU
FOR MORE
THAN 20
YEARS
.
BUT I
THOUGHT
THAT IF
I TOLD
YOU NOW,
THE TRUTH
MIGHT MAKE
YOU EVEN
ANGRIER.
JIN
WE ARE
REALLY
BLOOD-
RELATED
BROTHERS.

HUH.
BLOOD-
RELATED ..?
YOU MEAN YOU
BOTH HAVE
THE SAME
FATHER AND
MOTHER!?
I KNEW
THAT A
LONG TIME
AGO
HUH.

WHEN I WAS ORGANIZING MY MOTHER'S BELONGINGS AFTER SHE DIED, I FOUND A NOTEBOOK WRITTEN FOR ME
SHE HAS WRITTEN A LOT OF THINGS INSIDE, IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER
INCLUDING HOW FATHER'S FIRST WIFE COULDN'T GIVE BIRTH AND HER FIRST BORN HAD BECOME THE FIRST WIFE'S SON,
HOW I WAS BORN AFTER THAT...
AND HOW TO KEEP MOM FROM BEING ALL ALONE, I WASN'T TAKEN IN BY THE MAIN FAMILY
IT WAS ALL WRITTEN THERE
BUT...
BUT...?

A PATH WITH YUU.
AFTER READING IT, MY ONLY THOUGHTS WERE, "OH, I SEE"
EVEN IF THAT'S THE TRUTH, IT DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING
JIN
AT THAT TIME, I WAS ALREADY WALKING A PATH THAT I HAD CHOSEN FOR MYSELF
MOTHER HAD ACCEPTED HER FATE AND WAS PROBABLY HAPPY WITH THE WAY THINGS WERE,
BUT NO MATTER WHAT HER FEELINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN.
I STILL CANNOT FORGIVE
YOU, MY FATHER, WHO FORCED MY MOTHER INTO THE POSITION OF A MISTRESS


JIN
THAT'S ALL
I GET IT NOW, I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU MUST'VE FELT, BUT JIN.
IF WE CAN'T CONTINUE WITH OUR WORK NOW, THEN WE CAN JUST FIND ANOTHER JOB,
OR ELSE WE COULD EVEN GO LIVE ON A FARM AND BE SELF-SUFFICIENT
I grew up in the country side
ABOUT YOUR JOB IT'S TRUE THAT YOU ARE QUITE SUCCESSFUL NOW, AND YOU MUST BE EARNING A VERY GOOD LIVING,
BUT IT'S NOT A CAREER THAT CAN GUARANTEE YOUR SECURITY FOR LIFE
THAT'S WHY FATHER THOUGHT THAT SO I...
AH... YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT
YUU ?
SO "DAD", PLEASE LEAVE IT TO ME
I PROMISE YOU I'LL NOT LET JIN STARVE!


How did it suddenly turn out like this?
WHAT
...
...

Yup!

HAAA
OH...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME

LET'S GO, YUU
YEAH!
JIN...

HA..
HAHA...
AHA HAHA HA.
JIN...?
AHAHAHA.

GOODBYE.
peek
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, JIN IS STILL HUMAN
IF HE EVER LOOKS LIKE HE MISSES YOU GUYS,
I'LL BRING HIM HERE
BYE BYE
YUU!
STOP SAYING RUBBISH
HEHE HE
SO WATCHING OVER HIM SILENTLY,

I WONDER IF I CAN SHOW OFF TO THE OTHERS THAT I'M FRIENDS WITH CROSS ..
IS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO
AS A WAY TO SHOW MY LOVE
WE'RE HOME.
SHUT
HUU, I'M SO TIRED.
AND I'M HUNGRY AGAIN.
THERE'S RED WINE AND CHEESE AMONGST THE PRESENTS. LET'S START THE NIGHT OVER AGAIN
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
JUN-SAN THE CAMERAMAN, GAVE THAT TO ME
HE COMPILED SOME MOVIE CLIPS WITH ME IN THEM FROM THE OLD DAYS
These are films from his personal collection.
LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

WOW! THESE ARE SO OLD IT REALLY TAKES ME BACK!
THIS IS BEFORE OUR DEBUT I CAN'T BELIEVE HE FILMED THIS...
THIS... ISN'T THIS THE DAY WHEN WE FIRST MET?
THAT'S RIGHT! WE WERE ALL SCATTERING BEANS AT REIKO-SAN'S HOUSE FOR THE END-OF-WINTER FESTIVAL
YEAH... YOU WERE CRAWLING ON ALL FOURS PICKING THE BEANS UP, AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE A DOG.
I was really startled when I saw a person emerging from behind the sofa
I COULDN'T HELP BUT BE DEEPLY ATTRACTED,
TO YUU'S CHILD-LIKE INNOCENCE THAT I LACK.
YEAH, YEAH, I REME-MBER.
HEY JIN,
DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAY REIKO-SAN SAID THE TWO OF US WERE TO BECOME CROSS?

"STARTING FROM TODAY, THE TWO OF YOU WILL BE LIVING AS ONE."
"UNDERSTOOD...?"
SHE SAID THAT...
AND I THOUGHT... IT WAS LIKE TAKING A VOW AT A WEDDING CEREMONY...
HOW CAN I EVER FORGET?
YEAH, ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE WAS WEARING SOMETHING THAT LOOKED LIKE A PRIEST.
AH, RIGHT.
ER... IT SHOULD BE HERE...

JIN, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
THANKS.
A RING
IT'S A MATCH TO MINE
AND IF YOU PUT THEM TOGETHER, THEY MAKE A CROSS SYMBOL
YUU...
THE SIZE SHOULD BE RIGHT
HERE
YOU SAID YOU WOULD NEVER LET ME STARVE...
WERE YOU FOR REAL?
OF COURSE!

I THINK THAT WAS VERY SMART OF ME TO COME UP WITH THE IDEA OF BECOMING SELF-SUFFICIENT!!
I CAN ALREADY SEE IT IN MY MIND
fu fu fu
WE ARE LIVING SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE, AND I'LL HAVE JIN WITH ME FROM MORNING TILL NIGHT
I'LL HAVE MY MEALS, AND WORK IN THE FIELDS
AND THEN TAKE AN AFTER-NOON NAP.
SOME-THING LIKE THAT
DON'T YOU THINK WE'D BE REALLY HAPPY LIKE THAT?
YUU
HUH?

...!?
MMM
JI... JIN...?
WHAT ARE YOU...
YOU'VE WON THE BET.
THAT'S ALL.
HUH...?

YUU...
YES...?
...!!
HAH... THIS MUST BE HOW IT FEELS RIGHT BEFORE AN EXECUTION
I'M NOT LIKE YOU I REALLY HATE TO SHOW MY WEAKNESSES
I CAN'T DO IT IF I DON'T GATHER UP MY COURAGE
IT'S UP TO ME TO LET HIM LIVE OR DIE...
Huh?
Huh?
IT'S UP TO YOU TO LET ME LIVE OR DIE...
HUH...?
BUT I STILL HAVEN'T TOLD YOU PROPERLY

SO THIS IS
YUU
I LOVE YOU
MY BIGGEST CONFESSION
FROM THE FIRST TIME WE MET,
IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONLY YOU
AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE YOU
ALWAYS ...?

THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP
YOU...
YOU'RE SAYING THIS,
JIMP
CHUCKLE
A-T
ARE YOU BEING SEDUCED?
AS A STRATEGY TO SEDUCE ME, AREN'T YOU?
I'M ALMOST HAVING A NOSE-BLEED..
JIN,
HAS ALWAYS
LOVED ME...!?
THA
THUMP

sigh
kiss
kiss
pant
YUU.
MM
NN
WAIT YUU.
WHAT? DON'T TELL ME TO STOP NOW!?
pant
pant
YOU WANT TO DO IT HERE?
My back hurts!
HE IS REALLY AROUSED
DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT!?
I'M THE ONE WHO CAN TELL YOU WANT TO DO, RIGHT!?
You lost you said it yourself!

STARE
AH
OKAY

WOULD YOU PLEASE COME WITH ME?
LET'S GO TO THE BED THEN?

LET'S HURRY UP
HUMPH SO IN THE END THE POWER STILL LAY IN JIN'S HANDS

あとがき

こんにちは～。「唇に甘い毒」…やっと単行本になりました。…やっと…と書いてから思い返してみたら一話目からだいたい一年で単行本発行になったので…やっと、ということもないな…。なんでそんな気持ちなのか…？７話も書いたからなのか？（単行本のページ数の限界に挑戦してしまいましたよ…）

そんなわけで、時間を置かずに描いていたはずなのに、なんだかあまり絵柄が定まっていないような…。どうも悠も仁も思うように描けないのでした。CROSS のふたりは「恋の病につける薬（Dear+コミックス刊）」にも描いてますが、あの頃と今ではそれこそ全然姿が違ってしまいました。ふたりとも子供っぽくなってしまったような…何故だ…。

一応一冊にまとまりましたが、アイドル設定なのにあまり芸能界ネタも描いてないし、単行本分の作品数がまとまったとたんに雑誌の方で番外編を描いてしまうし（一体その番外編はどの単行本に収録されるのか・）…なので、そのうちまた悠と仁のお話を描くことがあるかもしれません…。

ではまたどこかでお会いしましょう～♪

こいでみえこ

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